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## LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE FOR 1699-1700

### VOLUME No. VII.

Fort St. David 30th : Decr : [1699].

To the honble : Thomas Pitt
Presidt : & Governr : of Fort St.
George &ca : Councill.

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Wee shall observe yor : honrs : &cas : orders given in yor : lr̃es of the 17o : Inst : for ladeing the honble : Comps : b[ales at] this place : but Capt : Parram's ship said to have bee [ . . . ] here proves only a true misinformation.

The best horses the honble : Comp[ . . . ] are the prize horses taken in the troubles given [ . . . ] Cawn ; wch : wee apprehend not safe sending them ov[ . . . ] at least till wee have yor : honrs : &cas : ordrs : for the same, o[ . . . ] may not be thot : fitt to send them, we are thinking [ . . . ] you the Nabob Zulphaker Cawn's horse, pre[ . . . ] Compa : & wth : him the horse the late Depty : Gover[ . . . ] wch : to send we must await yor : likeing ; & a[ . . . ] to direct us in the matter.

The Genll : Books of this plac[e . . . ] the ulto : April last are copy'd out fair, & await onl[ . . . ] & compared wch : beleive may take up 3 days [ . . . ] shall hasten them to yor : honr : &ca :

We find some of our letters s[ . . . ] &ca : remain yet unanswered, especially to the main point [ . . . ] Contract, mention'd in ours of the 4th : Inst : yt : for each 500 [ . . . ] should be paid our merchts : here, on said contract ; th[ . . . ] take off 3000 pags : worth of Europe goods & [ . . . ] to any amot : as yor : honr : &ca : thought fitt to Invest [ . . . ] to wch : we humbly conceive to be necessary for us to have, we write to the honble : Compa : wch : if not agreed to, we pray y[ou] &ca : not to send us any more Europe bales, as not [ . . . ] to dispose of those we have already wch : are r[ . . . ] of all sorts includeing the 40 recd : by the [ . . . ] are much damaged by the worm breeding [ . . . ] the Perpetuanos of light colours ; wch : we apprehend to be by their being ill cured in England probably in hast in the Winter Season : but our old remains are worse, & were Invoiced to us from the Fort as damaged goods, nor have we any good Godowns convenient for lodgeing any woollen manufacture, and therefore we request yor : honrs : &cas : leave to build such as are absolutely necessary, as well for calico, as Europe bales, and are much streighten'd & hard put to it, to find room for 248 bales of white cloth of all sorts we now have ready, for wth : in all our walls there are no more new buildings, than the chambers Mr. Cranwell now lives in, & a new Cook-room & indeed all the old buildings are so very narrow creazy and leaky, as not to contain any goods, thô for a short time, upon a pinch & their often patching & repairing (wch : we are sorry to say) may have cost at all times as much as might well nigh have built substantiall lading lodgeings & warehouses ; thô it may be said it is not now a proper time yett our occasions are very urgent.

Some days agoe 100 horse of Mongamas w$^{th}$: her Egip y$^{t}$: accompanied the late Nabob to Court are return'd thence & came to Villeporram to w$^{ch}$: number Jeinser Cawn has added 100 horse more & 2 Elephants for the greater state of conveighing the King's Tasharife & Phirmaund to Mangomah & to receive the King's tribute of her.

Surup Sing haveing laboured under such streights and difficultys by reason of the poverty of the countrey under him, being so often harrassed and plunder'd as y$^{t}$: he is not able to pay the small forces y$^{t}$: remain w$^{th}$: him, hath therefore agreed w$^{th}$: & substituted under him one Ramajee Gunnies a Braminy, w$^{th}$: full & ample power to incourage people to come & inhabit the severall desolate towns w$^{th}$: in his Governm$^{t}$: granting them Cowls assures them they shall not be robb'd, plunder'd or any ways molested by any party belonging to the King so y$^{t}$: Ramajee [Gun]nies hath undertaken to pay all standing forces & [Surup] Sings charges of house keeping &c$^{a}$: The said Ramojee had leave about some eight days agoe to come to town[on] some business, thô he hath not yett been to visitt the Dep[ . . . ] but hath sent his Complement of excuse till a lucky [ . . . ] offers for him to perform it. He intends to bring Family into Tevenapatam out of the way from the[m] who are believed to come suddanly into these parts being sent for.

This Ramojee Gunnies hath [ . . . ] character of an honest & just man, to whom we [ . . . ] welcome reception the better to fix & continue a [ . . . ] correspondence between us at this time, when he is in so much power, to turn out & take in as he pleases Countreys under his management & he may be [ . . . ] us in his place, w$^{ch}$: we may the rather beleive w[ . . . ] so good a pawn as his wife & family to reside w$^{th}$: safety & protection.

On the 13$^{th}$: past Padre Paulo de[Soa]his petition to us in consultation aga$^{t}$: Padre Gul[ielmus]la valle, late Vicar of thé churches of Cuddalore & [Tevenapa] tam; complaining of his sufferings for some y$^{rs}$: occasion'd by the said Padre Guilielmus, w$^{ch}$: he says beleive may be the same in substance he deliver'd Presid$^{t}$: & Councill at Fort St. George in February therefore pray'd his case might be heard & exa [ . . . ] right of both said churches, next under & by [ . . . ] the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: But the severall papers past b[etween y$^{e}$:] Padre's w$^{th}$: their translates took up some time, in Consultation, y$^{t}$ both Padrees appear'd, & joyntly they had no more to say than what they had a we[ . . . ]ing: so y$^{t}$ upon a full hearing of the whole[ . . . ]turning over, & searching into all requ [ . . . ]papers relateing to this affair, we came to this resolution the Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: to putt the following questions viz$^{t}$: If we should refer the whole matter to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: right truly stated, or determine the same here, to w$^{ch}$: it was said & answer'd y$^{t}$ yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: at the time when Mr. Haynes was at the Fort had order'd the examination & decideing of the whole matter here where both Padrys being upon the place, might be present face to face: the next was on whose side the right of both churches did appear w$^{ch}$: was unanimously declared & agreed to be in Padre Paulo de Soa. The next question whether for the better accommodateing of difference, we should give one church to each Padre, or both to Padre Paulo de Soa[ . . . ] to have both churches; so y$^{t}$: on the 20$^{th}$: Ins$^{t}$: we reinstated Padre Paulo de Sao into the free exercise of his former Preistly office in said churches, within the hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: bounds, but with all submission to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{as}$: good likeing & approbation & at the same time delivered him the keys of both churches in Cunsultation, & in the same inst$^{t}$: of time, Padre Gulielmus delivered us a protest in his own name, w$^{ch}$: shall w$^{th}$: all other papers relateing to this matter speedily be sent yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: meantime we pray you to suspend your censures of us till we have sent the whole state of the case, truly & impartially stated, on w$^{ch}$: we grounded our Judgment. However we are not in love with any more of the Theatine order to be setled here, unless their moralls be better w$^{ch}$: gives cause to suspect their principles, as shall be shewn hereafter.

On the 25$^{th}$ : Ins$^{t}$ : a Danes ship called the White Elephant, Hans Harman Biorn Commd$^{r}$ : arrived here in 13 days from Atcheen w$^{th}$ : news of a strange revolution of Governm$^{t}$ : in y$^{t}$ place, w$^{ch}$ : may be better known to yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : by the severall English letters, by w$^{ch}$ : you'll understand of two Piratt Prisoners sent hither in Ju[ ]on said ship concerning whom we shall want yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{rs}$ : &c$^{as}$ : orders. Also one Rowland Wilson a Serjeant in the hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^{as}$ : service, came out on the Nassau w[$^{th}$a] petition we herewith send yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : w$^{ch}$ : is what at present offers, but y$^{t}$ we are w$^{th}$ : the wishes of a good new year [ ] all.

Hon$^{ble}$ : &c$^{a}$ :<br>
Yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{rs}$ : &c$^{a}$ : most obedient<br>
humble servants.

The inclosed letter came w$^{th}$ : the Piratts aforementioned.

William F[raser]<br>
John H[aynes]<br>
Ralph Ing[ram]<br>
Edm$^{d}$ : Moun[tague]<br>
Ri : Far[mer]<br>
Tr : G[ames]<br>
Rob$^{t}$ : [Cranwell]

John Bulteel<br>
Sec$^{ry}$ :

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To the hon$^{ble}$ : Leive$^{t}$ : Generall &c$^{a}$ : [ . . . ]<br>
Councill at Fort St. George [ . . . ] Emoy Dec$^{r}$ : 29-169.

S$^{r}$ :

The bearer hereof Rowland [Wilson] Serjeant of the hon$^{ble}$ : East India Comp$^{s}$ : Sould$^{rs}$ : sent [ . . . ]me in the Nassau being on throughly mast$^{r}$ : of the [Portugueze] tongue & one who had behaved himself very [ . . . ] honest and ready to assist in any business [ . . . ] upon. Our merch$^{ts}$ : Requested of me y$^{t}$ he mig[ . . . ] Linguister w$^{ch}$ : place of trust he hath per [ . . . ] fully and is fitt for anything relateing [ . . . ] charity to Employ him having mett w$^{th}$ : much [ . . . ] Losses in the Comp$^{s}$ : service.

No: 2 Recd: the 2d: Jan: 1699–1700.

I rest<br>
Yo$^{r}$ : most humble servant<br>
James [Minty.]

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To the Hon$^{ble}$ : L$^{t}$ : Gen$^{ll}$ : Presid$^{t}$ : &c$^{a}$ : Emoy January 1$^{st}$ : 1698.<br>
Councill for the hon$^{ble}$ : E$^{t}$ : India<br>
Comp$^{a}$ : att Fort St. George.

May itt please yo$^{r}$ : Hon$^{rs}$ :

The bearer Mr. Rowland Wilson comeing out with us on the Nassau in Quality of Serjeant & was to be left att Bencolen, but not thinking it safe to touch there least it might impeede our passage to Emoy, Pointed only att Batavia where wee Endeavoured for a Linguister to proceed w$^{th}$ : us to China But we not finding one suitable for our occasions, made an agreem$^{t}$ : w$^{th}$ : the abovesaid Mr. Wilson (he speaking the Portugueze Language well) for his being w$^{th}$ : us till an opportunity for his coming to Madrass, at the same wages as he was to receive of the R$^{t}$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^{a}$ : w$^{ch}$ : have paid him & our request is y$^{t}$ : y$^{r}$ : Hon$^{rs}$ : will allow him in pay from y$^{e}$ : date of this his Discharge.

[No :] 3 [Recd :] 2d Jan.

His behaviour has been dureing our knowledge respectfull to all, faithfull & Dilligent in our affairs & wee hope may meritt yo$^{r}$ : Hon$^{rs}$ : Favours in order to his promotion wee are

Yo$^{r}$ : Hon$^{rs}$ : humble servants<br>
Marmaduke Rawdon.<br>
C. Brewster.

FORT ST. DAVID DEC$^{R}$: 28, 1699.

[TO THE HON$^{BLE}$ :] PRESID$^{T}$: & COUNCILL FOR
[THE COMP$^{S}$ :] AFFAIRS ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

THE PETITION OF ROWLAND WILLSON.

No: 4 This petition humbly sheweth y$^{t}$: yo$^{r}$: petitioner Rowland Willson after haveing been taken in the Bedford being on board in the station of serjeant arrived at London a second time after comeing from France and was promised an Ensigns Employ in the Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{s}$: service by S$^{r}$: Thomas Rawlinson, Mr. Sam$^{ll}$: Ongley & Mr. John Dubois, but the ship haveing orders to [ . . . ] was forc'd to come on board without but afterwards received a Lr̃e at Plimouth y$^{t}$: I should have an order for a Com [ . . . ] by the next ship or ships y$^{t}$: came out, so yo$^{r}$: petitioner haveing proceeded his voyage on board the ship Nassau Capt: James Minty Commander untill we arriv'd at Batavia the merc[hants] goeing on shore expecting to have found a man y$^{t}$: [ . . . ] have serv'd 'em as Linguister or Interpreter they not haveing the Portugueze tongue nor any in the ship [but] my selfe & one boy y$^{t}$: was the Cap$^{ts}$: serv$^{t}$: w$^{ch}$: was not [ . . . ] manage their business.

Now yo$^{r}$: petitioner had an oppertunity of comeing to Madrass but the merch$^{ts}$: said itt would be a great detriment to the Comp$^{a}$: in their business if I did not goe to China w$^{th}$: them & y$^{t}$: I might render the Comp$^{a}$: [ . . . ] peice of service by soe doeing & y$^{t}$: they should [ . . . ] you his hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: Councill at Madrass by l̃res [ . . . ] be blameless & receive pay from y$^{e}$: time of my leave[ing] 'em in China untill my arrivall at a Comp$^{as}$: port. Now yo$^{r}$: petitioner having done their business effectually & having sent most of y$^{e}$: goods on board y$^{e}$: rest in y$^{e}$: factory left 'em satisfy'd w$^{th}$: my service & gott a passage w$^{th}$: [ . . . ] for Malacca. Now yo$^{r}$: petitioner having Em[barked on] board Cap$^{t}$: Legatt bound for Acheen arrived th[ . . . ] to have found some ship bound for y$^{e}$: coast but [ . . . ] any y$^{e}$: time of y$^{e}$: year being past I design'd w$^{th}$: Cap$^{t}$: Legatt for Bencoolen but we lost our passage [. . .] forc'd to goe for Janselon where wee remained [ . . . ] of Septemb$^{r}$: & takeing in tin design'd for Beng[ . . . ]ing to an anchor of y$^{e}$: point of y$^{e}$: Island we had[ . . . ] at NW & we lost two anchors so was forc'd to be [ . . . ] for Malacca where we arrived y$^{e}$: 29$^{th}$: of y$^{e}$: af[ . . . ] since w$^{ch}$: I have used my dilligence as before [ . . . ] passage for y$^{e}$: coast or some other port [ . . . ] Effected being arrived in one of Mr. Dilltons ships at Acheen got my passage in a Dean for Cuddalore where I now am & hope y$^{t}$: yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: will take into consideration w$^{t}$: trouble I have been at likewise w$^{t}$: expense in a twelve months time since I left Amoy.

Now I cast myself wholly upon yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: clemency & remain yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: ever devoted serv$^{t}$:

ROWLAND WILLSON.

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FORT S$^{T}$: DAVID 6 JAN$^{RY}$: 1699–1700.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT PRESID$^{T}$: GOV$^{R}$:
OF FORT ST. GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:

No: 5 This comes by Kette Narran w$^{th}$: whom we have sent two of y$^{e}$: Comp$^{s}$:
Recd: Horses, one being y$^{t}$: w$^{ch}$: y$^{e}$: Nabob presented & y$^{e}$: little horse y$^{e}$: same y$^{e}$:
Janry: 9th 1699–1700. late Dep$^{ty}$: Governor used to ride. Wee would have sent yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: y$^{e}$: great prize horse Mr. Berlu rides, w$^{ch}$: was Cauder Cawns but y$^{t}$: he is so remarkable & well known y$^{t}$: we thought it not safe sending him now, till we have yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{as}$: order.

Rama Linga our chief minter, says y$^{t}$: if he has yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: Councills leave, he can procure Surup Sings Perwanna for coyning rup$^{s}$: at Cuddalore, of

y^e^: Madrass matt, weight & stamp, w^th^: some mark of distinction free of any charges to y^e^: hon^ble^: Comp^a^: We doe not presume to give y^s^: as our Judgment, but as a matter we are just now told of, the advantage or inconvenience of w^ch^: will form an argument for matter of Debate, w^ch^: we humbly refer to yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: mean time shall await yo^r^: answer to this, as well as severall of our former.

There is one James Neeve, formerly a Corporall in this Garrison whom we reduced to a private centinell because he would not reduce himself to temperance & sobriety, haveing served y^e^: hon^ble^: Comp^a^: y^e^: space of 7 years desires yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^as^: leave to goe to Madrass to be discharg'd in order to his goeing for England to whom we have promis'd yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^as^: answer, is all at present, but that we are

Hon^ble^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: hon^rs^: &c^a^: most obedient
humble servants,

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm^D^: Mountague.
R^I^: Farmer.
Tr: Games.
Rob^T^: Cranwell.
John Berlu.

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To the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Thomas Pitt Esq^r^:
Presid^t^: & Govern^r^: for affairs of
y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Eng^sh^: East India
Comp^a^: &c^a^: Councill.

R^t^: Hon^ble^:

Our last was of y^e^: 4°: Ins^t^: per the Eylinn since w^ch^: we have been hon^d^: w^th^: yo^rs^: of the 20^th^: Novemb^r^: w^ch^: came to our reception y^e^: 14^th^: current w^th^: y^e^: packett w^ch^: we forwarded immediately. No: 6 Recd: ye 1[?] Jan'ry: 1699–1700.

Wee observe yo^r^: hon^rs^: &c^a^: [ . . . ] of our drawing Bills on you w^ch^: had we thought [ . . . ] have met w^th^: yo^r^: non approvall should not [ . . . ]ted, but your being y^e^: last year soe ins^t^: w^th^: us to [ . . . ] of Exc^o^: made us adventure on it, & we thought we [had] done an acceptable peice of service being se[ . . . ]ded consideration that hereby we should be able to keep [y^e^: wea-]vers well employ'd & soe secure them from y^e^: new [ . . . ] who otherwise would have inevitably drawn th[ . . . ] us advanceing in y^e^: price, buying their goods [ . . . ] of Comittees & Moors & so paying custom [ . . . ] they procure them, w^ch^: would be an advantage to y^e^: severall Rajahs, Surdars, Aveldars &c^a^: renters, and soe cause them willingly to admit their trade especially having that pretence ags^t^: us that we were not able fully to employ y^e^: weavers ourselves, & yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: adviseing us you designed us a supply per y^e^: Scepter we relyed on her arrival w^th^: you & soe your being sufficiently in stock but doubted whither it might be to early to save her passage to us, but since we have erred in our calculation, we beg your pardon & shall not be guilty of y^e^: same omission for y^e^: future.

Wee dare not expostulate w^th^: yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: concerning y^e^: goodness & prizes of your goods & ours but must acquiess in your sentim^ts^: only adding y^t^: our goods continue at y^e^: same stated price as agreed on at y^e^: first settlem^t^: of y^e^: factory when Madapollam, Metchlepatam, &c^a^: have been forc'd to advance 25 per cent wee must likewise observe there has never been (as we have been inform'd) any Complaint from y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: either of y^e^: dearness or ill sortm^t^: of our goods makeing it our business to keep them as exact to muster

as we can, otherwise to receive them at a proportionable abatemt; to their defect. The contract for fine narrow strip'd Betteelas of wch: wee sent yor: honr: &ca: musters was but for rups: 6,000 ye: greatest part whereof yor: honr: &ca: recd: per ye: Neptune & ye: remainder will be compleat per ye: Benjamin being in our Godowns.

We readily beleive yor: honr: &ca: have seen private mens Betteelas better then ye: Compas: because they pay a better price, especially considering they take only fine goods & our merchts: suffer a considerable loss by ye: stated price & contract by ye: course.

Yor: honrs: &ca: expectation will bee answer'd in full returns per ye: Benjamin of what sent us and wt: we have drawn Bills, but we admire at yor: honrs: advice of chargeing wt: should have happen'd to come short to our accots: because wth: submission wee think it has been never practicable neither doe we in the least apprehend ourselves security for ye: merchts: but our Duty is we apprehend to make ye: contracts on ye: terms wee can & then to use all dilligent means to have them perform'd wch: we neither have or ever shall be wanting in or any other particular that may promote or forward our Rt: Honble: Masters Interest according to ye: best of our abillity & Judgmts:, But if yor: honr: &ca: expect more from us and that we must be answerable for any defaults of ye: merchts: or ye: like we desire yor: honr: &ca: will acquit us, and send some other persons to take that heavy charge on them who exceed us in Duty or Fidelity we hereby acknowledge ourselves lyable to our Rt: Honble: masters in[ . . . ]spect our actions have come short of theirs,[ . . . ] not wee hope we shall then have that Meritt we ha[ve conti]nuously endeavour'd to acquire both of our Rt: Honble: Masters & yor: honr: &c: Councill.

If yor: honr: &ca: had at any time or[der'd]ye: Provision of rice, paddy, oyle, butter, Horses, gi[ . . . ] & wee had neglected it, wee had been justly lya[ble to] censure & displeasure but we doe not remember ev[er . . .] to have received such orders from you more then of butter & 500 Bags of fine rice per ye: Neptune [pro]cureable at reasonable rates wch: was not to be as per our Consultation of ye: 10th: July to wch: referr, butter being soe scarce that many of ye: Inhabitants were forced to eat Oyle for want thereof, & fine rice not attainable; neither doe wee remember that of late any commandrs: have carryed [ . . . ] of Goods more then Capt: Lestley on ye: Neptune who carryed up a parcell of Horse Grain & of wch: then adviseing yor: honr: &ca: yt: you might adjust its freight as you thought convenient & by wch: we have bin inform'd he was a sufferer & wch: should we think [be] sent up on ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: accot: wth:out order must have bin justly charg'd to our accot: wt: orders we have recd: we alwaies endeavour'd timely to obey as ye: Exigency of Affairs would admit, & have ever studyed to gaine yor: honr: &ca: approbation of our actions wch: we are heartily sorry to perceive wee soe much want.

It has never been our Custome to keep our Generall Books accot: cash Dyarys &ca: behind hand & ye: occasion of their being soe at present is ye: want of hands being but 3 persons and Mr: Owen often indisposed wth: ye: Gout, neither have we factors provisions, being quite out of store of paper, Ink, quills, &ca: & therefore hope yor: honr: &ca: will readily excuse ye: want of them.

We are never remiss in our correspondence wth: Mr: Lovell & have used all means possible to prevent ye: new Comers prejudicing our Masters Affairs in wch: we must affirme we have been very effectuall by our more then ordinary friendship & correspondence wth: ye: Nabob, who has not yet discharg'd their vackeel or will give him a letter of ye: receipt of their present, and they are feign to doe wt: little business they do in these parts clandestinely by Moors & Comittees who pay ye: customes & Bribe for wt: they soe carry away & to whome we are not a little troublesome but wt: has done ye: greatest prejudice to our honble: Masters is Nollacopille Dowla ye: great grain mercht: (whose Brother Ballow is in Madrass) like himself their head Mercht: who comeing into these parts and Ganjam wth: some of their money has endeavour'd to alienate our weavers from us by offering higher prices adviseing them wt: a vast treasure ye: new Compa: has & therefore

they shall be always fully emyloy'd. That [ . . . ] Rybar is goeing to y$^{e}$: King for them who will bring a Phirmaund & that wee shall be permitted to trade but a little longer w$^{th}$: many more such stories w$^{ch}$: we are not willing againe to assert to y$^{e}$: Weavers &c$^{a}$: are all forgeries promiseing them a continuall employ for y$^{e}$: future & to some of y$^{e}$: heads of their cast giveing tashariffs at our Merch$^{ts}$: charge to keep them stedfast to our Interests wee hitherto pretty well [have] done by keeping them employ'd in arrears to us but when they come for a month or two to want worke and can be employ'd by them or any other they will be sure to embrace it, & that was all we dare to meddle w$^{th}$: Dowla's Affairs he being so greate a trader to Madrass, but if yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: would give us [ . . . ] we could find out means enough for y$^{e}$: Nabob [ . . . ] him & impeede his procureing of goods.

Wee endeavour all we can to keep y$^{e}$: merch$^{ts}$: to y$^{e}$: proportion of course Goods and if they [ . . . ] in Fine at one time they must make it up in course another, as we frequently tell them & shall take care they performe.

The Benjamin shall have as expeditious a dispatch as possible & w$^{ch}$: wishing yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: [&c$^{a}$:] a merry Xmass & new yeare conclude this from R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

Yo$^{r}$: most humble Servants,

Simon Holco[mbe].
Samuel Owen.
Thom$^{s}$: Stables.

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Vizagapatam y$^{e}$:
21$^{st}$: Dec$^{r}$: 1699.

To the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Thomas Pitt Esq$^{r}$:
Presid$^{t}$: & Govern$^{r}$: for Affairs of y$^{e}$ :R$^{t}$:
Hon$^{ble}$: Eng$^{sh}$: East India Comp$^{a}$:
&c$^{a}$: Councill R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

Our last was of y$^{e}$: 20$^{th}$: Instant per ship Fleetwood just after departure whereof we were honor'd with your angry resenting letter of y$^{e}$: 27$^{o}$: ult$^{o}$: w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$: return'd Bill of Exchange w$^{ch}$: since yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: would not accept of wee have discharged by our Merch$^{ts}$: who actually rec$^{d}$: y$^{e}$: gold and therefore yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: will receive soe much less in y$^{e}$: Benjamins Cargoe and w$^{t}$: induced us to draw y$^{s}$: & y$^{e}$: other Bills we have already advised yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: in our last of y$^{e}$: 20$^{th}$: to w$^{ch}$: referr hopeing our reasons may prove materiall to plead our excuse. [No: 7] Recd : 10th Janry: 1699–1700.

If yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: will peruse our Dyary and Consultations of y$^{e}$: 6. 7. & 8$^{th}$ June you will find we sent you y$^{e}$: copys of two Contracts therew$^{th}$: one for pag$^{s}$: 5,000 the other for P$^{s}$: 2,852 : 16 : w$^{ch}$: make together y$^{e}$: sum̃e of pag$^{s}$: 7,852 : 16 : for w$^{ch}$: we drew a Bill in part on yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: per our Letter of advice of y$^{e}$: 9$^{th}$: of June for pag$^{s}$: 5,973 : payable to Ninan Mestre for y$^{e}$: vallue rec$^{d}$: here of Mahomed Labee and we then offer'd Shamsadeen Noquedah a Bill for his money amo$^{t}$: to pag$^{s}$: 1,879 : 9 : y$^{e}$: amo$^{t}$: of yo$^{r}$: Bill Return'd w$^{ch}$: together compleats our Contracts, But he desired us to defer it till his ship should goe, for what reason we know not, and w$^{ch}$: we assented too conceiveing there was no harme for y$^{e}$: money to lye so much longer in y$^{e}$: R$^{t}$: hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: chest, and this is all y$^{e}$: mistery we know in y$^{e}$: matter, and are not a little sorry we should gaine yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{as}$: displeasure thereby. The Blank in the postscript was an omission of our Secretary's w$^{ch}$: how happen'd we cannot tell, the amo$^{t}$: being enter'd in our Register [ . . . ] yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: please to order shall be sent you for your satisfaction, but however y$^{e}$: Contracts would demonstrate the summe design'd to be Inserted in y$^{e}$: postscript for we had not y$^{e}$: amo$^{t}$: in cash & so consequently y$^{e}$: summe in y$^{e}$: second contract must be y$^{e}$: amo$^{t}$: design'd for that Blank, and your promised payment to our first Bill and not forbidding us to draw more being seconded w$^{th}$: severall reasons w$^{ch}$: appeared was wholly conducive to our masters Interest encourag'd us to doe it, but being we have erred therein we againe beg yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: pardon.

We are sorry yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : conceives so ill an opinion of us w$^{ch}$ : we doe not deserve but assure you that our actions will undergoe y$^e$ : severest examination & that we shall never be guilty of infidelity nor if possible of inadvertency & wherein we have committed y$^e$ latter we crave your excuse, we hope w$^t$ : now advised will be satisfactory enough to convince yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : we did not designe to pawne this Bill on you as you insinuate but w$^t$ : acted therein was fair and square without any sinister or Clandestine designes or Interest, & y$^e$ : number of Bales you will Receive by y$^e$ : Benjamin we doubt not but will convince yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : we have studyed nothing in takeing up this gold but to forward & promote our Hon$^{ble}$ : Masters Interest and thereby to gain theirs & y[our good] will and approbation, we heartily wish yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : had rec$^d$ : y$^e$ : bill from us before y$^e$ : merch$^{ts}$ : gold came, w$^{ch}$ : we will assure you was not y$^e$ : Chiefs neither was he [ . . . ] one pag$^a$ : weight therein, as he will testifie upon oath if required, but such a quantity as they rec$^d$ : not finding a present vend for, and fearing by long lying their butter might be detarded they proposed to us y$^e$ : sending some person to Madrass & desired our assistance of Peons (whose [cost] they bore) and not having any correspondence [ . . . ] they desired of y$^e$ : Cheife to write to his Servant to assist y$^e$ : sale & w$^{ch}$ : is all either he or any belonging to him was concern'd therein.

As to y$^e$ : comeing of a new Serlascar w$^{ch}$ : tho is yett dubious for every day produces various reports we must advise y$^t$ : if it should so happen, twould stand y$^e$ : R$_t$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^a$ : in about rup$^s$ : 3,000 to secure & maintain their present Interest, the Sallabad present being rup$^s$ : 2,500 on y$^e$ : comeing of a new Serlascar w$^{ch}$ : is enter'd in y$^e$: Duans Books, and there would be about rup$^s$ : 500 more in Darbar charges to his Confidents & Servants, but then great part of this may be saved if yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : will send us mony, toys & raritys, by vallueing them at an extraordinary rate, as we did w$^{th}$ : Rustumdill, when we had in our Godowns for s$^d$ : purpose, your Chyna spreading, Fine Gunns, Looking glasses, of all sorts of flint ware w$^{th}$ : many other toys and fine Cloth as will appear by our Books already sent you.

We thought it improper to enter Gold in our cash Book, it being w$^{th}$ : y$^e$ : submission we conceive only accustomary to enter current coynes there, and for that reason omitted it, makeing Journall parcells thereof duly in our Generall Books as you will find upon their receipt, we shall observe w$^t$ : you write about freighting w$^t$ : Bales may be left on y$^e$ : Benjamins dispatch & if possible comply therewith, we are very sensible all Bills of Exch$^a$ : ought to be accompany'd w$^{th}$ : Letters of advice, and we think we never drew one on yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : without one, and what mention'd in the Dyary thereof was only to note y$^e$ : Noqueda's then requesting it, and we shall never for the future give yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : occasion to complaine of y$^e$ : largeness of our Dyarys but be concise therein as you desire, By that now enclosed yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : will perceive y$^e$ : Ball$^a$ : of our last m$^o$ : Cash w$^{ch}$ : we have paid most or all to the washers and they will require such another summe from us before y$^e$ : arrivall of y$^e$ : Benjamin [ . . . ] must take up of our Merch$^{ts}$ : as also for our Expences till yo$^r$ hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : shall have an oppertunity of sending us a supply w$^{ch}$ : we desire as soon as possible, as also a stock for our next years Investment if yo$^r$ : hon$^r$ : &c$^a$ : design we shall keep y$^e$ : Weavers to our Interest & thereby frustrate the designs of y$^e$ : new Comers in these parts, w$^{ch}$ : we strenuously endeavour, and doubt not but at last our actions upon due representation & examination will meet w$^{th}$ : likewise a due applause both from our hon$^{ble}$ : masters and yourselves, w$^{ch}$ : is all we have aimed at, w$^{th}$ y$^e$ : renewe[all] of our wishes for a happy & merry Christmas & new year Concludes this from

R$^t$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : &c$^a$ :

Yo$^r$ : most faithfull humble Serv$^{ts}$ :

SIMON HOLCO[MBE].
SAMUEL OWE[N].
THOM$^S$ : STABL[ES].

MADAPOLLAM THE 25$^{TH}$ DEC$^{R}$: 1699.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$:
PRESID$^{T}$: & GOVERN$^{R}$: OF FFORT
S$^{T}$: GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

May it please your hon$^{r}$ &c$^{a}$:

This day I have had the ℘usall of your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: Generall to Metchle- No: 8.
patam, ℘ which ℘ceive wee are not to expect any present Supplies of money for Recd : the
the carrying on the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Com[p$^{s}$]business, which I'me, verry Sorry to 11$^{th}$: Jan$^{ry}$: 1699/700.
understand, having been Pag$^{s}$: 500 behind with our merchants here ever since the 26$^{th}$: Octob$^{r}$; as alsoe the next payment drawing very neare and without complying therewith we must bee forced to lett the contract fall, which would be very acceptable news to our merch$^{ts}$: knowing very well where to mend themselves consid[erably] to their advantage altho our prices are thought [soe high.]

I can't be soe exact in sorting [the] Goods as I would, occasion'd by not giveing due complyance to our contract concer[n]ing which I've had [severall] Debates with these Merchants who flew off [& for] Some days would not come near the ffactory [therefore] I was forc'd in Some [measure to comply otherwise must] have sent no goods at [y$^{s}$: time w$^{ch}$: I thought might prove much more disadvantageous to my Hon$^{ble}$: Masters & tho' I told them I desir'd noe more then w$^{t}$: was specify'd in y$^{e}$: contract, they answer'd that hitherto they had comply'd w$^{th}$: their obligation but I had not therefore as y$^{e}$: breach was on my side they could think s$^{d}$: contract to be noe better then voyd & of noe effect soe that yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: [*two lines lost*] &c$^{a}$ may please to see how affairs here are [in soe bad] a posture that if some other method be not taken for the carrying on this business, twill neither accrue to the benefitt of our honourable Masters, nor the creditt of the managers, and I hope your honour &c$^{a}$: will be pleas'd to doe us that Justice to grant, that [tis not] ffeasible for us to provide Goods five ℘ cent chea[per] then the new comp$^{a}$: and to be soe backward in our paym$^{ts}$: when they pay downe two thirds of their cont[ract] at the sealing; besides allowing their Merchants for their encouragement, what was formerly here usuall as alsoe giveing large presents to all the Gov$^{rs}$: Sub govern$^{rs}$: & renters in the country for the better carrying on their business which I have not been capable of doeing here; both for want of orders for the same, and alsoe wherewith all to doe itt, concerning I have not been backward in adviseing and if our common money would have reach't to the defraying these charges, we should not have been penurious, nor in the least slack handed in disburseing the very utmost fanam, for upholding the Hon$^{r}$: and creditt of our honourable Employers.

I have now neare thirty Peons Spread in the country for the secureing our cloth otherwise should scarce had any brought in, for there is such catching att Goods that we are compell'd to chop almost every peice be[fore] it is taken off the loome, & Some to stand by and [secure it soe that] with these & other unavoydable expen[ces] we are att in y$^{e}$: end we shall be loosers unless your [hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: will be pleased to grant some allowance for our extraordinary charges. I hope yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: will be pleased to pardon my being soe plaine, y$^{e}$: urgency of y$^{e}$: affair requireing itt.

I am Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:
Yo$^{r}$: most humble & obed$^{t}$: Servant,
SAMUEL WOOLSTON.

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METCHLEPATAM JAN$^{RY}$: 2$^{D}$: 1699/700.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$
PRESID$^{T}$: & GOVERN$^{R}$: OF FFORT
S$^{T}$: GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

May itt please your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:

Yesterday we rec$^{d}$: your honour &c$^{a}$: [of] the 21$^{st}$: of December and are No: 9.
sorry we cannot remove your dissatisfaction consicring the prizes of our goods Rec$^{d}$: the
[w$^{ch}$:] we are Sure are as good of their kind and as cheap as any now provided 14: Jan$^{ry}$: 1699/700.
we are in pretty good forwardness for the Benjamin on whom shall lade about one

hundred, and Thomas Lovell designs to waite on your honour &c^a: by that conveyance.

On the 26° of Xber the Embassador sent for Thomas Lovell & delivered him a paper wherein he commanded him not to make any application to y^e: new Nabob who was then hourly expected, [but did not] arrive till the last of that month; [and yesterday he Sent the Consull w^th: three others to complement the Nabob] from him; and to lett him know that [he was Sent] Embassdor from the [King of England to the Great] Mogull to procure [a Phirmaund for our tradeing in his Dominions therefore hoped he would not impeed any business belonging to y^e: English Yesterday y^e: Consull rec^d: letters from Suratt w^ch: brought news y^t two ships belonging to y^e: new Comp^a: were arriv'd there, that the Govern^r: of Surratt was Dead which occasion'd [great trou]bles on the Europeans; as to the Europe news [wee] cannot yett learn; only that the last Ship departed from England the 7^th: of May last wee are with all Submission.

Your hon^rs: &c^a:
Most Obedient Servants

THOMAS LOVELL.
PHILIP NODEN.

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THE HUMBLE PETTITION OF LUCY POIREIR.

Humbly Sheweth

That your pettition^rs: first husband M^r: John Field came out of England
No: 10. in the Service of the R^t: Honourable Company in the year of our Lord 1662, in the m° of Septemb^r: and served his Master many years with ffidellity but hath not yett nor any belonging to him, Received one penny of his halfe salary payable in England your petition^r: therefore doth humbly implore your hon^r: &c^a: to represent it home to the R^t: Honourable Comp^a: that it may be paid to her ord[er] in England.

Your pettition^r: likewise doth [request the favour of] your honour &c^a: to pay unto her the sum of one hundred and thirty nine Dollars thirty three cash [& a halfe it] being the amo^t: of the Outcry Legacys and all charges Deducted of y^e: s^d: M^r: [John] Field Deceas'd at Indrapore on y^e: west coast of Sumatra, w^ch: summe was actually paid & rec^d: into y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: cash by M^r: Hammond Gibbon then Chief of y^e: said place.

Your pettition^r: further beggs that [your] hon^r: &c^a: will be pleas'd to represent home to the [R^t: Hon^ble:] Comp^a: the like case of halfe sallary belonging to M^r: George Croock your pettition^rs: late husband who dyed in Bengall and left behind him three children one whereof is now in England which money your pettition^r: desireth may be paid to her order towards his Education.

And yo^r: petition^r as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: OF FFORT S^T:
GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

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FORT S^T: DAVID 18^TH: JAN^RY: 1699/700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: OF FFORT S^T:
GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^ble: &c^a

No: 11. Your honour &c^a: Generall Letter of the 3^d: Ins^t: we rec^d: on the 8^th:
Rec^d: the 23^rd: Jan^ry: 1699/700. following at night; and have detain'd your peons till now, by whom we send our Gen^ll: books of the fformer year, ending the ulti° : Aprill last.

To the coineing of Rup^s: in our mint of Cuddalore, we sent your hon^r: &c^a: a farthar proposall by Narran, to which we have not yett rec^d any answer. We say that Rama Linga promises to procure (by means of his Relations that are of the mint in Chingee) a cowl from Surup Sing, for the free liberty of that coynage in our mint: and as to the coining those fanams we formerly advised we shall not further urge Since your hon^r: &c^a: does not approve of itt, thô those and other

sorts are commonly coined in y [ . . . ] as it hath been in former years in England for [ . . . ] the coineing their own farthings. The business of the Shroff shall be further consider'd & advise yor: honr: &ca: our thoughts on ye: same so soon as we can have leasure and convenient time for it, after the departure of the Benjamin for England.

We have provided copper, and can have more as we shall have occasion, but Brimstone is very Scarce and dear here, which formerly used to be sold for about 7: or 8 Pags ꝑ Candy, is now 18 and very ordinary: so that we humbly conceive it may be cheaper bought of those that bring it from Manilla to yor: port.

We are thankfull for the leave given us to limitted Sums, to draw upon you, which liberty we shall not abuse: thô now and Some months past, we have labour'd under some difficulty and Streights, thrô want of cash to defray the necessary charges of the Garrison, we have drawn two bills of Exchange (of yesterdays date) upon your honr: &ca: Vizt: one for pags: 1,500 at 15 days Sight, payable to Senhr: Matthew Carvalho de Silva the other for pags: 252 at ten days Sight, payable to the honble: President and we request your leave about the beginning of next month to draw upon you a bill for Pags.: 2,700 for Soe much will be paid into the Comps: cash, on the 3d: of febry: next payable to the aforesd: Matthew Carvalho de Silva.

We inclose to your honr: &ca: the amot: of Goods laden at Cuddalore, on board of the Danes Ship taken by the piratts, by which it doth appear that the Patans are the loosers, for soe much as their factor or broker Armuta Pilla, Inhabitant in Cuddalore has laden on Sd: Ship we likewise Send your honour &ca: the account of Goods recd: from, and money and goods delivered to both Setts of Merchants so that all the rest of their goods, to compleat their present contract is within the honble: Comps: bounds and not wanting to [come out of ye: country] and we have this day of all [sorts course & fine in our Godowns] 292 bales which [we shall dayly encrease but ye: we shall want room to stow them away, as sorted, & there is no ship here or other vessell we can lade them upon, according to] order, Save the portug[uese] Ship formerly [advised, whose] decks are Soe very leaky that the least water that [is] Spilt, runs thrô: both decks into the hold; & her upper works are very much out of repair, and upon the whole, not fitting to lade any bale goods upon her, which is the report of the Gunners and mates we Sent to view and Survey her.

We are hastning to Send you another pair of books, which we hope may be ready next week one pair for England, and the other pair to remain with you att the ffort, These now Sent are not fello[ws] the paper of both being different Sorts, which will be righted when the other pair is sent, as may be perceived by the ticketts on the outside for the better distinction.

With Submission we never said the advantagious proposalls your letter mentions touching a new contract, was made or offerd us by our merchants but we said and say now, they were the terms and conditions we brought our merchants to agree with and then we proposed the same to Yor: honr: &ca: for your consent and approbation and that part of the whole, which was to be in Europe Goods, is to be understood, to be in broad cloth and lead and not in any perpetuanos, which we cannot prevail with them to take; So that what we Say now, does not vary any waies in the quantity of what we advised your honr: &ca: formerly of Europe Goods, but in Species onely which may have been an ommission in us, of not haveing explain'd the same before, yet we shall not be wanting to press and obleige them to take off Some part of the perpetuanos, if all circumstances does but concurr, to the makeing a new Investment, and [tho] we have your honour &ca: leave yett the hard terms you putt us to, lames ye: whole business & makes us halt where we should begin, thrô want of money, for ye: reasons your honr: &ca: give us which we beleive: and money here among the Natives is never borrow'd att less than 12 ꝑ cent ꝑ annum, thô we hope to do better, and shall discource our merchants to bring them to as good terms as we can, and advise your honr: &ca: before we conclude anything with them, meantime we request that about Some 4 or 5 coveds of each Sort of all the musters at the Fort, may

be sent us for our Merchants to See and consider of and that each muster to be Sent us, have a tickett affixt to it, with their respective marks numbers, lengths, breadths, and prices, the better to direct us alsoe the quantitys of all the Severall Sorts, you would have us contract for.

One of the piratt prisoners with us is ill of a fflux, for which reason we have inlarged him to the liberty within the ffort, in his Irons; w[ch]: when he is gott well, we Shall with his companions Send you by Sea, on the first Ship that goes hence to your port according to order.

What we wrote formerly concerning the advantage that might be made, of coining Doll[rs]: into fanams in our mint here, was upon the report we had of dollers being as cheap with you as 18 or 18¼ ℘ 10 pagodas at which rate it would produce a proffitt at or near w[t]: we then advised your hon[r]: &c[a]: as may appear if calculated and if you please to send us any, it will Stand us in Stead of Pag[s]: to put off to our merchants to whom we beleive Shall be indebted about a fortnight hence, tho at present they are in arrear to us their fine Goods mounting high.

We rec[d]. what was Sent us upon Narran's Boat, Sometime before we had your advices of the same.

The Journall ℘cells and account curr[t]: taken out of the Bengall Books EE and FF relateing to M[r]: Haynes Sent by the Hon[ble]: President to the Dep[ty]: Govern[r]: were rec[d]: & produced to M[r]: Haynes; to w[ch]: he promises to give his answ[r]: so soon as conveniently he can, after we have send yo[r]: hon[r]: &c[a]: the other pair of Gen[ll]: books, which are now compareing and examineing.

Herewith comes a packett apart containing Severall papers, relateing to the Examination of the difference, between Padre Paulo de Sao and Padre Gulielmo de la Valle, w by which you'l observe the reasons, grounds and motives, which prevailed to induce us (with Submission) to place the one, and displace the other, in w[ch]: if we have erred, we are Sorry for, and crave your hon[r]: &c[as]: Pardon; but we hope may be adjudged to be onely in the manner, and not in the matter or meritt of the cause, as haveing in our consience done it as an act of right and Justice, w[ch]: is always well pleaseing to God and all good men that understand it: and for further Satisfaction to those that are desireous; we referr to the Dep[ty]: Gov[r]: ℘ticular letter and papers, which are not fitt to be mention'd here, So that we hope your candour may acquitt us if prejudice does not intercept the Same which is that offers att present, but that we are now and always w[th]: all Submission and respect.

Hon[ble]: &c[a]:

Your hon[rs]: &c[a]: most Obedient very humble Servants

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmund Mountague.
Ri: ffarmer.
Tr: Games.
Rob[t]: Cranwell.
John Berlu.

*P*: *S*:—I have not as yet heard of any proposalls made to or by any Merch[ts]: relateing to a new Investment.

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Fort S[t]: David [29[th]:] Jan[ry]: 1699/700.

To the Hon'ble the President and Councill of ffort S[t]: George.

Hon[ble]: &c[a]:

No: 12. Rec[d]: ℘mo ffeb[ry]: 1699/700.

This Serves chiefly to advise your hon[r]: &c[a]: that the Sloop S[t]: Anthony Peter Eyes Master, is come to an Anchor this morning, in the road of Tevenapatam before we knew what She was, Wee have order'd the Master to anchor in the road of Cuddalore; which he has done accordingly, on her we Shall lade all our fine goods, especially the Shady Betteela's whereof we may have about 16 bales. We have rec[d]: this day of M[r]: Bugden, into the companys cash, Pag[s]: 150 for

which we have given, a bill of Exchange; drawn upon your hon^r: &c^a: at 8 days Sight, payable to Thomas Harris which is at present that offers, but that we are.

Hon^ble: &c^a:
Yo^r: hon^rs: &c^a: most humble Serv^ts:
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^D: MOUNTAGUE.
RI: FFARMER.
TR: GAMES.
ROB^T: CRANWELL.
JOHN BERLU.

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CHUTTANUTTEE 12^TH: DECEMBE^R: 1699.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESID^T:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: ENG:
EAST INDIA COMP^A: ON THE COAST OF
CORMANDELL WEST COAST &C^A: AND
GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE
&C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Since our last to your hon^r: &c^a: via Vizagapatam copy of which comes enclosed we have rec^d: three of yours Dated the 17^th: August on the 6^th: Septemb^r: 21^st: Aug^t: on the 27^th: Septemb^r: and 8^th: of Septemb^r: on the 16^th: Octo^r: to all which we respectfully reply. We rec^d: the Severall chests of rup^s: by the East India Merchant which came 2 rupees Short in tale, and credited your account curr^t: accordingly. N^o: 13. Rec^d: 3d: Febr^y: 1699/700.

Enclosed comes Invoyce of w^t: Goods Sent down on the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: vessells Purgoes and boats for Ship Benjamin's Cargoe to the fort amounting to rup^s: 14996: 11^a: 6 and Should have dispatch'd her earlier had we not occasion for the vessells at the same time to lade the Sidney, for which Ship we have 1300 bales ready 1037 are Sent away and could have forwarded more but that we send the Ruby with goods to the Benjamin, on which ship M^r: Anthony Testard takes his passage to dispatch her, and Cap^t: Browne Shall have orders to touch at Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam as your hon^r: &c^a: directs.

M^r: Hiller is gone for Dhacca, and from thence Sent his Serv^ts: to look after his Ship att Chuttagaum, and will not returne to be Serviceable to us this Season he desires to remaine Resident of that ffactory but the R^t: Honourable Comp^s: orders being to withdraw the Subordinations we have no occasion for chiefs but if your honour &c^a: will be pleased to Spare us two or 3 writers or junior Factors 'twill be a great help to [y^e: place very] much wanting Such assistance in the accountants and Secretarys Office which are now bare M^r: Walsh being Dead, M^r: Doughlass his time covenanted with the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^a: being out designes for England on the Sidney, M^r: Winder and M^r: Dunster deserted the Service and most of us Sick and under great Indispositions, notwithstanding all these misfortunes we doubt not to dispatch the Sidney on the returne of the vessells from the Benjamin, after which we designe to put 2,000 Baggs of Saltpeter on board the East India Merchant w^th: Cowries & 7 or 800 bales of Goods and Send her to your honour &c^a: from hence by the first or 5^th: of the next month the presid^t: adviseing the agent that if a Ship called there and your Merchants complyed w^th: their contract he could assist us with Some bales, we doubt not his good Success noe less then we know his Industry and endeavours to make them comply which obliges us to take this resolution and after her we have the Josiah on which we designe to lade 2,000 Baggs of Salt peter and fill her up with Bales on all three Ships wee acco^t: 3,700 bales w^ch: will amount to 200,000 Rupees more then this years Stock, if our Masters are concern'd for Soe much petre, 'tis not our faults who had not the computation of the Tonnage to their

Stock, we resolved on this experiment, because the Persia ffreights was very low, and had the East India Merchant gone for Persia wee Should have had 500 Bales on our hands, and we Suppose you might have had 2 or 300 after the Benjamin's dispatch, w[ch]: 7 or 800 bales must have remained Severall months in the country the Interest of that money and loss of this years markets in England (besides the reputation of the East India Merchants arriveing with the comp[a]: would be a more considerable loss then the Gaine of a Persia ffreight would answer, tho the Ships carry 100 tonns of Salt petre home not valluable to the ffreight in England. [Wee are obliged] to your honour &c[a]: [for] your advices about the Surratt affairs the Moco ffleet being Safe arrived, we understand all those fears are blown over.

The Pilot that lost the Gracedieu Edw[d]: Tench, by name afterwards when we order'd him to tarry in Ballasore to wait the arrivall of the East India Merchant to attend upon her w[th]: Sloop or vessell, was Summon'd or Inticed away from our masters Service by S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton to bring up their ship or ships w[ch]: he perform'd w[th]. better success then he did our masters, herew[th]: comes copy of a warrant S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton Sent down on the agent for the body of Jonathan Winder our Masters covenant Servant upon w[ch]: we wrote him a letter, and rec[d]: a dreadfull answer copy of them both comes for your hon[rs]: &c[as]: ꝑusall. That paper w[ch]: he mentions is no more then what your honour &c[a]: inclosed to us and finding he Summond our covenant Serv[ts]: and Pylot when waiting for our masters Ships demanding consulage from private Shipping and requesting them to take his pass and to Submitt to his Jurisdiction Soe that all matters of Government would have fell under the new Presid[ts]: management whose interest being opposite to our masters, their affairs would have been utterly destroy'd, our masters having left us in the Dark not mentioning a word about the consull in our letter by the East India Merchant we desire your hon[r]: &c[a]: would give us your direction by the first conveyance how to proceed, for you find S[r]: Edward leaves but a Peradventure of our being pardon'd and rec[d]: into favour by his Majestie M[r]: Hedges and Muttradass are gone to Muxadavad to See what can be done with the Prince for a freedome of trade, but as yett have mett w[th]: little Success, and we See Small likelyhood of their procureing a Nishaan untill the monsoon is over, So that if they Send a ship away with 3 or 400 Bales it must be by the ffrench their means in the months of ffeb[ry]: or [March when their own shipping are departed.]

If M[r]: Peachie will not Send orders about his [effects] he must take the reward of his own obstinacy.

The Governour having wrote to the Agent that the Seymours Gunns and Shott might be Sent him by the Benjamin we have Shipt them accordingly and are mention'd in the companys Bill of Lading, leaveing it to your hon[r]: &c[a]: whither they must pay freight or not having been Serviceable to this Agency in the rebell Rajahs time.

Herewith comes a list of what Goods and treasure came on the Benjamine that Cap[t]: Browne took ffreight for and persists that 'tis his right, if your honour &c[a]: thinks it Soe 'tis well otherwise we Suppose you have his charterparty money to pay him, from w[ch]: it may be deducted or must be referr'd to our masters in England we are.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Your most Humble Servants

JOHN BEARD.
JONA[N]: WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.

*P*: *S*:—Sin[c]e finishing this letter we hear the bad news of a Boats being lost laden with rice and fine Gunnys near Hidgerlee.

J. BEARD.
J. WHITE.
R. SHELDON.

A complaint of one Jonathan Winder of his being Illegally Imprison'd and forcibly detained by you, John Beard Esq[r]: for Some considerable time, being brought before me S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton Knight whom his Maj[ty]: William the 3[d]: of Great Brittain France and Ireland King &c[a]: has constituted his minister and Consull Gen[ll]: for these parts and committed, and encharged the case of the Rights, libertys and Priviledges of all his Loveing Subjects in these parts alsoe intrusted [with] full power and authority to hear Examine and determine all and all manner of Suite and Suites, differences controver[sies] &c[a]: thereupon, I doe hereby in his Maj[tys]: name, require and command you the Said John Beard, that on Sight hereof you doe imediately deliver the body of the Said Jonathan Winder to Thomas Kerwood our marshall for that purpose and that you, in five days time exhibite your declaration against him before me in Hugley at the ffactory of the English Company Tradeing to the East Indies Setting forth the cause of his Imprisonm[t]: that the meritts thereof may be heard Examin'd and determin'd as you will answer the contrary at your utmost perill, Given under my hand and Seal this 5[th]: day of October 1699.

N°: 14. Recd: the 3d ffebry: 1699/700.

Copia.

To the Worsp[ll]: John Beard
Agent at Calcutta.
Vera Copia
Exam[d]: ℘ W[m]: Bugden Sec[ry]:

Edw[d]: Littleton (Seal.)

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Chuttanuttee 6[th]: Octob[r]: 1699–700.

To the R[t]: Worsp[ll]: S[r]: Edw[d]:
Littleton Knight.

Hon[d]: S[r]:

Yours of the 28[th]: August we Received yesterday, with a paper Directed to the Agent demanding the body of Jonathan Winder one of our Masters Covenant Servants you say in your letter that our Masters are Oecumenicall, a hard word, we find it comes from Oecumenicus, M[r]: Adam Littleton Says, it signifies universall, or [Generall but you will make] in words as in other matters, and believe you [meant] Oeconomicall derived from Oeconomicus the order and Government of an house but you doe not Seem by your actions to allow us that power you write, and Invited M[r]: Jonathan Winder from his trust at Cassimbuzar in our Masters Service to Serve your company upon which he left his Employ and fled to the chincery, from whence we Sent for him down and required an account of concerns money and Goods delivered into his hands, there being a charge come against him By M[r]: Edw[d]: Hern, as for Imprisonment he hath been Imprison'd in noe other nature then the rest of the Companys Covenant Servants whom we will not ℘mitt to run to and fro, where they please but command them to the factory (when we see convenient) Employed in their Masters affairs Whereas we have given him the liberty of the Towns, and ffeilds.

N°: 15. Recd: the 3d Febry 1699/700.

You will persist in the opinion, that our authority of Polity and Government for these parts are annul'd it Suiting Soe well w[th]: yo[r]: Masters Interest notwithstanding the act of parliament which Erects the new East India Company continues our Company for a time in as full power as ever, from whence we Inferr, that they are to Enjoy all their Rights and Priviledges, and their Governours Agents and ffactors, to exercise all powers necessary for the Support of their Government and trade, moreover wee observe in that act, that our Company are Exempted from paying the 5 ℘ cent which is for bearing the charge of consulls, from which we likewise Inferr that our companys affairs nor Servants are under your direction or controul.

We cannot belive the wisdom of the nation designed that the new Comp[s]: president an Interest Incompatiable, and opposite to the old company [should] have authority to Intermeddle w[th]: their affairs & Servants the consequence of which [would] be pernicious and destructive to the rights and libertys of our company as they will hear by your Summoning my Masters Servants from their trust and Employs.

Mr: Jonathan Winder was before us yesterday evening and desired to take his passage for England on the Sidney, and to clear all accots: wth: us here, which we have granted him. We thank you for all your offers of Service and ffriendship we have learnt to make distinction between mens words, and their actions, and Shall deport ourSelves accordingly and Remaine.

Honble; Sr:
Your : most humble Servants
John Beard.
Jona : White.
Ralph Sheldon.

Vera Copia Examd:
℘ Willm : Bugden Secry:

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Hugley 25th October 1699.

To the Worspll: John Beard,
Mr: Jonathan White,
Mr: Ralph Sheldon.

Srs:

No: 16. Recd: the 3d. Febry: 1699/700. Copia.

I have yours of the 6th: Instant, the word, tho no Such hard one as to have recourse to Dr: A: L: being in writeing very common was a mistake and truely I know not how it pass'd me as it did, you alsoe, but humane frailties will appear in Slips in meanest matter Sometimes but you were not deviated thereby from the true insta[nce and meaning, wch: I suppose none] but are far from disallowing to you, nor is your Instance in ye: least any proofe, for a servant may Justly complain and have relief alsoe against his master if Injured Such are the laws of England, tho I am not writeing now in the quality to answer the matter you alledge, yet this I know and think may be declared by me that the President and Councill with respect to Mr: Jonathan Winder did noe more then their duty and what you would have thought yours in the like case, and doe soe in others, let him know their masters pleasure and orders (without any Invitation or incouragement with what might be needfull in respect to his post if accepted their favour, what his trust, might be where he was, they were Ignorant but understood was not Setled but gone up for a time which for ought they knew might be Elapsed or near it, likewise heard that that had been under Some displeasure from the direction and disgust as to them and haveing fullfilled his covenanted time had been at the Coast on said account in or out the Service know not or whether was not now. In Service onely occasionally and that he could dispatch Soe Soon and give up his accounts Justly Stated as he avows to have done, Shews he was but loosly Settled, but however it was you have done as they Say an act or acts of the same nature therefore they think it hard to be charg'd by you with what you [r] Selves are equally Guilty of, and I must Say had Mr: Winder come among us his accounts not rightly adjusted he Should not have had nor Shall any hereafter have protection from us against any Just demands or adjusting their accounts; complaints will be freely recd: from all persons and I trust as impartially heard Examin'd and determin'd, as to the imprisonment of Mr: Winder his complaint Setts it forth: Soe to be and till the same be Examin'd, it will remaine as a charge upon you, I must persist in what Seems [Soe clear to me from the act of Parliament wch: tho it [extends not to hinder & restraine] the Governour and [Compa:] of merchants of London to continue to trade within the limits there mention'd for [a Se]tt time and thô it should be as you say that the Said Company be excused from the penalty of 5 ℘ Cent which by the way is not Soe clear nor perhaps determin'd yet neither one nor other exempts from his Majesties power and Jurisdiction & trade being distinct from Government may well be Seperated and noe damage accrue thereto bût carried on to as great an height without as with it as constant experience manifests, and if the Wisdome of the Parliamt: thought fitt to Exempt the Said Governour and Compa: from his Majesties Authority and make them Independant from his Government Surely Some clause, Some words would have been

put in the act to Evidence the Same but a totall Silence wholly putts a period to any Such conclusion; thô his Majesty hath placed his authority in other hands it noe ways takes away the Just rights properties and priviledges w[th]: respect to the trade in the least, nor from any others who are more plainly exempted from the penalties in the act then the Said Governour and Company of merchants &c[a]: are who alsoe may claime an Exemption on Said account from his Majesties power and authority as well as yourSelves and Soe Sett up for themselves in opposition to the Government of England, I doe not know that the President for the English Company Tradeing to the East Indies hath at all intermeddled in your affairs, that mention'd about M[r]: Winder (being no more then any master of a family might Justly doe) hath been already answer'd, but yet if the Parliament had thought fitt it Should be Soe, thô it [is] not an Interest Soe opposite as to be Incompatible with the continuance of the old comp[s]: trade as is determin'd by act of Parliament and present practice (your trade being [as free as ever] yett would it not have been more pernicious and [distructive] to your rights and libertys then your inter[medling] is to all other ℘ticulers Subjects of England resideing in India who have rights and libertys as well as yourSelves, as to M[r]: Jonathan Winders resolution of goeing for England, it concerns not me, he is at his own liberty in that respect, and may Seek his redress there as he pleases, if cannot have it here, The above Since writeing hath laine by for a long time and might Soe have done for altogether had not there come to hand a paper too well Authenticated for any doubt to remaine of its being a true copy of an originall under the reall hands of yourSelves Set up at the Gate of the factory at Chuttanuttee [and such a] one as the world [hath scarce] ever Seen before, one would have thought that in a paper of Soe Solemne a nature and wherein besides your own designs, your lives and fortunes may be concern'd and at Stake that you Should have taken care to have given your masters whom therein you Soe much elivate there right and legall title and not have assumed that belongs not to them in the least their being a comp[a]: now Establish'd by the nation in their representatives and as Such it is the East India Comp[a]: of England, it must Seem Strange even to amazement for any other on the foot of permission to presume to Stile themselves, the East India Comp[a]: of England as if they were the onely or Cheife nationall Society for that purpose w[ch]: Seems the product of a rancorous despite to the Supreame pow[er]: and Government of England.

Your charge (and it's a heavy one) of S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton being an usurper of authority must be in that he hath noe commission at all, or that the commission by which authority is claimed is of noe validyty being granted by one that had not the legall power thereto, that he hath a reall one Such proofe hath been given that it's Supposed noe doubt remains thereof to any one, and that the authority that gave birth to his commission can Justify itSelfe from usurpation of w[ch]: there Seems noe doubt never haveing been question'd hitherto then is S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton noe usurper, but if otherwise and that his Maj[ty]: hath noe power to grant any commission then in truth S[r]: Edward Littleton is an usurper and in the same State in accepting and Exerciseing as his Majesty, is in granting Such commission, his predecessors had this power but how King William came to be devested of it you will doe well to manifest.

Its allsoe an Erroneous charge that he had Intermedled in your companys affairs in that quality or in any other more then what any private person might Justly fairly and legally have done, soe your inferrence falls to the ground thô by the way, I am Sorry to understand that Just fair and legall acts are of pernicious consequence to your masters affaires; your first Inference or reason hath been considered already thô: the parliament doth not In their act restraine from trade yet not one Iotta is mentioned of Government nor doe they exempt you from your obedience to his Majesty or his Jurisdiction over you as Subjects.

Your Second observation of being exempted from the 5 ℘ cent which is not clear, but admitting thô: not granting the Same a favour in one point doth not discharge from duty in all y[e]: rest, an exemption from a Tax or penalty doth not free from allegiance and Subjection Soe that it can noe ways exempt their Servants (wheather in England or India they being alike in that respect) much less

other English men depending on their Servants here from Jurisdiction of his Majesty or the controul of his legall power otherwise there must be a new Jurisdiction Sett up and English men in their Service, or dependance must [renounce] their allegiance and become absolutely the Subjects of the Comp[a]: of merchants of London tradeing to the East Indies which tho perhaps liked by Such, if any Such as might Gripe at and aspire to a Despo[t]ick Power and Sovereigne authority, yet never was or will be allowed and that your designe is Something of that nature plainly appears by your raiseing the whole posse of your villanye publickly requireing them to withdraw their obedience (and thereby their allegiance) from his Majesty by not obeying or regarding any Summons or orders from those legally commissionated by him which Seems nothing short of rebe[llion and levying] warr against his [Majesty] and Government which is not better then usurpation therefore I can doe no less then in his Majesty's Name adjure you John Beard Jonathan White Ralph Sheldon with all those poor deluded Souls you may have drawne into oppose his Majestys authority, that you doe returne Immediately to your obedience to his Majesty and his authority that Soe if peradventure his great clemency may be exercised in pardoning and receiveing you to favour and under his protection which Seems now forfeited by this act of yours, and, that you persist not any further his Majestys gracious pleasure having been fully made known to you by his legall commission which hath been publickly read and published in its due place, and will be again the fourth of the next month, and if thought needful continued monthly for a while for the Information as well of yourselves as any Seduced poor creatures, and establishing and confirming all his Maj[ts]: Subjects in their duty whatever you may expect yet there may perhaps be a failure that you more then all other his Maj[ts]: Subjects, will have his Maj[ts]: Pleasure Signified to you otherwise then by his commission now in being unless in a Judicall way which may be of more pernicious consequence to yourselves then w[t]: you mention would be to your masters as hath happen'd to many for the like or less overt acts, of this there are not few instances which I forbear now to mention, Soe Shall conclude with this Note that the authority of which Soe much mention hath been made is noe other then what his Majesty might have executed if noe act of Parliament had been, and the Governour & Comp[a]: of merchants of London in the Same State were in before the act and certainly the act of Parliament doth not enlarge their power or authority nor a Bridge his Majesty his, and therefore why not now to be Submitted to as well as formerly, ought rationally to be demonstrated I am.

Yo[r]: Most Humble Serv[t]:
EDWARD LITTLETON.

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LIST OF THE PACKETT TO FORT S[T]: GEORGE ℘ SHIPP BENJAMIN.

No. 1 Bengall Generall dated the 12[th]: Decemb[r]: 1699.

2 Copy of Do. dated 26[th]: Aug[t]:

3 Copy of S[r]: Edw[d]: Littletons Warr[t]: Dated the 5[th]: Octb[r]: 1699.

4 Copy of the Agent and Councills Letter to S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton Dated the 6 October 1699.

5 Copy of S[r]: Edw[d]: Littleton's letter to Ditto dated y[e]: 25°: of October 1699.

6 List of the Pacquett.

The Invoice and bill of Lading will be forwarded by M[r]: Testard in a letter apart.

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FROM ON BOARD THE BENJAMIN IN PIPLEY ROAD THE 29[e]: XBER 1699.

TO THE HON[BLE]: THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]: PRESID[T]: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]: HON[BLE]: ENG: EAST INDIA COMP[A]: ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL WEST COAST &C[A]: AND GOVERN[R]: OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE &C[A]: COUNCILL.

No: 17. Hon[ble]: &c[a]: S[rs]:

Rec[d]: the 3[d]. Feb[ry]: 1699–700. Haveing rec[d]: orders from the R[t]: Worsp[ll]: John Beard Esq[r]: Agent &c[a]: Councill to come on board the Benjamin, Cap[t]: John Browne Commd[r]: for to

dispatch her to your honour I have gott Bills of Lading Signed by him which I send here Inclosed, with Invoice, also acco$^{t}$: of Goods on ffreight &c$^{a}$: acco$^{t}$: of money which came ℘ said Ship Benjamin and for which Cap$^{t}$: Browne Rec$^{d}$: ffreight for in Bengall not haveing more to add I remain with Due respect.

Hon$^{d}$: S$^{rs}$:
Your Most humble & most Obed$^{t}$: Serv$^{t}$:
to Command
ANTHONY TESTAR.

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VIZAGAPATAM JAN$^{RY}$: Y$^{E}$: 8$^{TH}$: 1699/700.

To THE R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT
ESQ$^{R}$: PRESID$^{T}$: & GOV$^{R}$: FOR AFFAIRS OF
Y$^{E}$: R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: ENG$^{s}$: EAST INDIA COMP$^{A}$: &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

Having writ your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: the needfull on the 20$^{th}$: & 31$^{st}$: Ulti$^{o}$: this Serves onely to accompany our Gen$^{ll}$: Books and Inclose Inv$^{c}$: and bill of Lading for 287 Bales of Callicoes laden on the Ship Benjamin amount to Pag$^{s}$: 16426: 15:3 which please to give us credit for and the Ship being filled near full in Bengall w$^{th}$: Gunnies Ropes and match, we have unladen here the Severall ℘ticulars as ℘ list inclosed which we Shall wait your directions for, we have Still cloth comeing in dayly, Some brown in our Godowns unfitt for embaleing being Stained and Some at the washers which we thought not fitt to detaine the Ship for & which Shall be Sent your honour &c$^{a}$: ℘ first oppertunity presents according to your Directions. No: 18. Recd: ye: 3$^{d}$: Febr$^{y}$: 1699/700.

The report of a new Seer Lascar's comeing is now certainly confirm'd and we hear Some of his people are already come to Metchlepatam but y$^{t}$: he will not yet arrive here Some mont[h]s and our Nabob ℘ advice has yet hopes of regaining his Government.

We desire your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to Send us 3 or 4 Candy of cotten for embaleing we remaine.

R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:
Your ffaithfull Servants
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUELL OWEN.
THOM$^{s}$: STABLES.

P: S:—Since writeing the above we have 120: Co: of cloth come in which we would not detaine the Ship for but shall wash it and send it ℘ first oppertunity.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THOMAS STABLES.

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METCHLEPATAM Y$^{E}$: 30 JAN$^{RY}$: 1699/700.

To Y$^{E}$: HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$:
PRESID$^{T}$: & GOVERN$^{R}$: OF FFORT S$^{T}$: GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL

May it please your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:

On the 13$^{th}$: arrived in this road the Benjamin on whom we designed to have laden 105 bales of Goods, amounting to 26311 Pag$^{s}$: 23 fan$^{s}$: having everything in a readiness; but not being admitted to make our application to the Nabob or any their officers the Ships Dispatch wholly depended upon the Embassadors procureing an order for ladeing the Goods, we giveing his Excellency advice imediately at the Ships arrivall who has dayly Sent but to noe effect the Nabob demanding 17000 rup$^{s}$; without which he will not allow any [goods] belonging to No: 19. Rec$^{d}$ ye: 3d: Febr$^{y}$: 1699/700.

the Engs : to pass [and has] also Serv'd the Dutch the same, thô they have presented him with 1100: Rups: Soe as yet Seeing no probability of getting our goods aboard; and the Season growing late, we thought it more for the advantage of the Rt: Honble: Compa: not to detaine the Ship any longer here, the Nabob having been on his Journey from hence 7 days, and the Governr: of this place is gone to him, and his returne uncertaine therefore have given Capt: Browne orders to make the best of his way for ffort St: George, and Shall endeavour to Send said Goods after according to yor: honrs: &cas: directions which if can effect Thomas Lovell designes to embarke by said conveyance, otherwise Shall waite upon your honr: &ca: overland.

On the 25th: Instant came to our hands copy of your honrs: &ca: Generall of the 16th: date; to wch: the enclosed paper for the Embasadr: which we delivered to him ye: 27th: he recd: the same with that Indignity that we are ashamed to write your honr: &ca: of it, Saying that being your honr: &ca: did not give the character that his Majty: was pleasd to honr: him with thought it soe much beneath him to afford the perusall thereof that he gave it to his ffootboy and orderd him to t'row it amongst his waist papers; and withall did assure us that whatever English Subjects that Should not own him to be Embassador to his Majty: in time Should hear Sufficiently of it; and that he could not hold a dispute wth: disrespectfull people at a distance and within Stone walls; but would make those that are near him sensible that he is the kings Embassador but said notwithstanding whatever affront should be cast upon him yet, contrary will always doe his utmost for the advantage of all Engs: Subjects; and declared as Soon as the Governour return'd he would use all means Possible to clear of Goods, not Spareing any cost whatever towards effecting the Same.

Last night we recd: your honrs: &cas: originall for Mr: Holcombe and your honrs: letter to the Nabob; to whome we have Sent it; he being about 25 miles of yet by advices from those parts we believe Mide Cawn Beague will not gett so far as Vizagapatam the old Nabob being come against him, with all his power; and is resolved to dispute the case wth: him, it being credibly Reported that he hath onely Assid Cawns Perwanna; and no Phirmaund from the king; and as to the letter for the Governr: of this place, we Shall Send it to him.

We have drawne upon yor: honr: &ca: ffive thousand pags: payable at 15 days Sight Vizt: 2500 pags: to Indoore Tripdee Moodo Peremall and 2500 pags: Quorolla Reilue for accott: of the Rt: Honble: Engs: East India Compa: wch: we hope your honr: &ca: will be pleased to give complyance thereto placeing the Same to accott. of, We shall be always hearty and dilligent in the Rt: Honble: Compas: Business; and endeavour to prove ourSelves.

Yor: honrs: &ca: most ffaithfull
and most obedient Servants

Thomas Lovell.
Samuell Woolston.
Philip Noden.

Enclosed comes a copy of the paper delivered to the Embassadr: attested with bill of Ladeing and Invoice.

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Fort St: David 2d. febry. 1699/700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt,
Presidt: &ca: Councill of
ffort St: George.

Honble: &ca:

No. 20. Recd: ye: 6th Febry. 1699/700. After much trouble and difficulty, by reason of it's fresh blowing here, and thereby the Surff run[n]ing high, we have at last laden upon the Sloop St: Anthonio Peter Eyes Master, 200 bales which he Says are as many as he can conveniently take in, Some of the course goods being wetted, goeing over the Surff, and return'd us again, detarded her being Sooner dispatched Invoice and bill of Ladeing for what Sent upon her, Shall be Sent overland, if they doe not goe upon

the Sloop ; We shall likewise send the Ledger I to match the Journall of the Same Letter w$^{ch}$ : we sent before to goe for England, as alsoe our Generall Letter to the R$^{t}$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^{a}$ : w$^{ch}$ : is now writeing out fair.

We have drawne upon your hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : a Bill of Exchange, for pag$^{s}$. 2700 at 15 days Sight, to be paid to Sen$^{r}$ : Matthias Carvallo de Silva, for y$^{e}$ : vallue paid in yesterday, into the R$^{t}$. Hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^{s}$ : cash by Eram Rauze, Gunnapa Chittee &c$^{a}$ :

One of Mollem's Ships is arrived yesterday night from Queda, w$^{th}$ : Six Elephants, and two more are following and expected every day; which is all at present that offers, but that we are,

Hon$^{ble}$ : &c$^{a}$ :

Your hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$ : most ffaithfull humble Servants

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm$^{d}$. Mountague.
Ric : Farmer.
Tr : Games.
Rob$^{t}$ : Cranwell.
J$^{n}$ : Berlu.

*P.S.*—We have p$^{d}$ : y$^{e}$ : master 10 pag$^{s}$ : he desireing it to clear & pay off Some shoar charges, w$^{ch}$ : is to be deducted out of his ffreight.

3$^{d}$ : Feb$^{ry}$ :

Inclosed is invoice and bill of ladeing for bales laden on y$^{e}$ : sloop S$^{t}$ : Anthonio, & also an acco$^{tt}$ : of y$^{e}$ : Mad$^{rss}$ : Merch$^{tt}$ : cloth y$^{s}$ : went hence w$^{th}$ : out paying custome.

Jn$^{o}$ : Bulteell, Sec$^{ry}$ :

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Fort S$^{t}$ : David, Feb$^{ry}$ : y$^{e}$ : 5$^{th}$ 1699/700.

To the Hon$^{ble}$ : Thomas Pitt,
President & Govern$^{r}$ : of Fort
S$^{t}$ : George &c$^{a}$ : Councill.

Our last was of the 2$^{d}$. Ins$^{t}$ : incloseing Invoice and bill of Ladeing, for 200 bales Severall Sorts of Callicoes, Laden up on the Sloop S$^{t}$ : Anthonio Peter Eyes Master, who sailed hence w$^{th}$ : the land wind yesterday morning. We Send this to advise and accompany our Gen$^{ll}$ : Letter to the right Hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^{a}$ : w$^{th}$ : other papers according to list, under a flying Seal for your hon$^{rs}$ : &c$^{as}$ : perusall and approbation also the Ledger Book of acco$^{ts}$ : of this place to match the Journall of the Same, formerly sent to goe for England, the Journall to the othe[r] ledger to remain at Madarass, Shall Speedily be Sent, So soon as compared and examined. No: 21. Rec$^{d}$ : y$^{e}$ : 9$^{th}$ : Febr$^{y}$. 1699/700.

We have this day drawne upon yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : one Bill of Exchange for pag$^{s}$ : 3654 : at 20 days Sight, payable to the Hon$^{ble}$ : Presid$^{t}$ : himselfe for soe much accounted for herewith Viabo Chittee &c$^{a}$ : Joynt Stock merchants on account their present investment If it is said we have exceeded our limitted orders we Shall not plead too fair to Justify ourSelves, to any nicety or exactness, thô we can otherwise excuse our Selves in so doeing, because as we may say, this is no forreign but a Domestick Bill, for which your patience and forbearance may be a sufficient remedy for our forwardness ; because we would fill up that blanck in our Generall Letter to the Comp$^{a}$ : to Show their Honours how their affairs and accounts Stand here, with their merchants on the present investment which shows their creditt good for beginning a new Investment the old being well near cleared, Saveing the account of the Shady Betteela's.

The Juncaneers att Elambore, belonging to Jemser Cawn, give our people comeing and goeing to Madrass hindrance and trouble there, more then at any other place upon the whole road, for remedy of which we pray the Hon$^{ble}$ : President may please to write to Jemser Cawn himselfe ; which is what offers upon this present occasion, but that we are.

Hon$^{ble}$ : &c$^{a}$ :

Your$^{r}$ : Hon$^{rs}$ : most faithfull humble Servants

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm$^{d}$ : Mountague.
Ri : Farmer.
Tr : Games.
Rob$^{t}$ : Cranwell.
John Berlu.

*P.S.*—Note that in the Invoice of Goods last Sent ℔ the Sloop St Antonio the 10 bales of Neckloths are made to contain each but 8 corge, Should have been 10 corge in each ; which will amount to more than mentioned in the Said Invoice ; which please to rectifie as foll$^{s}$: Viz$^{t}$:

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| N$^{o}$: 38 X 5 bales in each 2 corge Short Invoiced is 10 corge at 18. 9$^{fa}$: ℔ corge. | 182 : 18 : 0 |
| 38 O : 5 D$^{o}$ : 10 at 17 : 18 : | 175 : 0 : 0 |
| | 357 : 18 : 0 |

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm$^{D}$ : Mountague.
Ri : Farmer.
Tr : Games.
Rob$^{T}$ : Cranwell.
J$^{o}$ : Berlu.

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Fort S$^{T}$ : David Febr$^{y}$ : y$^{o}$ : 7$^{o}$ : 1699/700.

To the Hon$^{ble}$ : Thomas Pitt Presid$^{T}$ : &
Govern$^{r}$ : of Fort S$^{T}$ : George &c$^{A}$ : Councill

No. 22. Rec$^{d}$ : y$^{e}$ 10th : Febr$^{y}$ 1699/700

In our last of the 5$^{th}$ : Instant to your hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : we advised our accountants mistake of pag$^{s}$ : 357 : 18 : Short Invoiced on the 200 bales laden on the Sloop S$^{t}$ : Antonio which was onely rectify[e]d upon 10 bales of Neckloths, which made the abovesaid Sume whereas it ought to have been rectify'd on the whole [16] bales of Neckloths, which makes a greater Sum of difference to be added to the former Invoice which probably your accompt$^{t}$ : may think troublesome, to prevent w$^{ch}$ : and the better to facilitate that matter, in a time as this is, when he may be busy w$^{th}$ : y$^{e}$ : hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^{s}$ : Invoices and acco$^{tts}$ : att the ffort, M$^{r}$ : Haynes has drawn out a new Invoice in w$^{ch}$ : all the mistakes of y$^{e}$ : former are herein corrected & amended, w$^{ch}$ : Invoice we now Send your hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : & desire the other may be cancelled, or put out of the way, and creditt our acco$^{tt}$ : for the amount of this being pag$^{s}$ : 23769 : 11 : The Dep$^{ty}$ : Gov$^{r}$ : rec$^{d}$ : a letter yesterday from the hon$^{ble}$ : Presid$^{t}$ : adviseing the Benjamins being arr$^{d}$ : w$^{th}$ : you on the p$^{mo}$ : Instant and that the East India Merchant from Bengall is dayly expected, to compleat her full Ladeing at the Fort, and desires our assistance in y$^{e}$ : Same, but before the Said letter arrived, our Cuddalore merchants delivered out to washing all the long cloth and Sallampores they had to compleat their Investment by w$^{ch}$ : means we are deprived of so much brown long Cloth as might upon So Suddaine an occasion in a short time greatly encreas'd the number of our Bales but we have upon the aforesaid notice, rescued as much of Eram Rauze &c$^{as}$ : cloth from washing, as will make up about 19 or 20 bales of Long Cloth brown, & about 2 bales of Salampores brown; w$^{ch}$ : will be all of that hue or Sort yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : can expect from us here on this present Investment and the reason we have not embaled any brown before now, is y$^{t}$ : we are so very Scarce of packing Stuf and Godown room, as well as to keep our washers to continue w$^{th}$ : us by employing them we have in our Godowns this day of all Sorts of white Goods 154 bales, and two bales of blue cloth, and tomorrow we shall embale the brown cloth, & the Cuddalore merchants have a considerable quantity of white cloth, w$^{ch}$ : we shall hasten to be Sorted and embaled every day, as they Shall bring them in, and Should begin w$^{th}$ : the tomorrow, but y$^{t}$ is a great Superstitious feast day w$^{th}$ : them however no time Shall be lost for the brown cloth will fully employ our packers to Embale to-morrow our next advices w$^{ch}$ : Shall Soon follow this, will give yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : a certain acco$^{t}$ : of what number of bales we can provide and gett ready in time y$^{t}$ you may depend upon ; having placed Tappys all along the road to Madrass ; for the more quicker Sending and receiveing advices, dureing the Stay of the English Ships at yo$^{r}$. port, w$^{ch}$ : we

pray may be taken notice of, to avoid the charges of Sending yo[r]: peons forward to this place.

We have bespoke Mollim's Ship for carrying our bales to you, w[ch]: he has promised Shall be att the Comp[s]: Service We have caused our Gunner to Survey her, who makes a very good report of y[e]: Ships condition, having a good Sound firm bottom, in So much that they very Seldome pump her, and Mollem has Sett his [people] all hands to worke to calk her upper decks, and [brought] ashoar her rudder w[ch]: is defective to be mended She will be ready in 3 days to take in Goods, w[ch]: time we Shall improve to the utmost to increase our quantity of bales; beleiveing the winds w[th]: the new moon, may change and Sett in Southerly; which is all on this present occasion (till we write you againe) but that we are

Hon[ble]: &c[a]:
Yo[r]: hon[rs]: &c[a]: most obed[t]:
humble Serv[ts]:

William Fraser.
Ralph Ingram.
Ri: ffarmer.
Rob[t]: Cranwell.

This letter being in hast was not Sent about; which is the reason y[e] rest of the Council have not Signed.
Jn[o]: Bulteel Secr[ry]:

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Fort S[t]: David Febr[ry]: 7[th]: 1699/700.

Since finishing our Generall letter the Cuddalore Merchants have Sent in their account of all y[e] cloth they are to bring in on y[s]: present contract, w[ch]: is as followeth Viz[t]: N[o]: 23. Rec[d] ye 10th Febr[y] 1699-700.

| | Bales. |
|---|---|
| Long cloth ord[ry]: ... ... ... ... ... ... | 103 |
| Sallampoors ord[ry]: ... ... ... ... ... ... | 40 |
| 40 Coveds Betteela's ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| 50 Covids Ditto ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Neckloths ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| Succatoms ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2½ |
| Shady Betteelas P[s]: 240 ... ... ... ... ... | 1½ |
| whole bales ... | 158 |

And Eram Rauze &c[a]: have to bring in viz[t]:

| | Bales. |
|---|---|
| Long cloth white ... ... ... ... ... ... | 14 |
| Sallampores white ... ... ... ... ... ... | 25 |
| | 39 |

And [to compleat] their contract. [y[e] brown Longcloth & Sallampoors] mentioned in the Gen[ll] [letter] is their [own w[ch] they say they will spare to] the company.

W.F.

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A narrative given by a Portugueze come from Malacca.

In the year 1698 the Dutch los[t] a great ship on the Island of S[t]: Lawrence, and the people that escaped of said Ship the greatest part of them remain'd ashore there for w[ch]: reason the Dutch Comp[a]: orderd another Ship bound to Batavia to touch at Said port to perswade them that had Escaped to goe for Batavia where they Should have noe hurt done them, notwithstanding they had committed a crime in perswadeing their companions to Stay, and the Ship being arriv'd there the Cap[t]: Sent his Long boate ashore to Said effect and Seeing Some English, and other Nations that lived there (having made an English N[o]: 24.

Mestiso king whom all obeyed) w^ch did consult among themselves to take Said Ship and for that Effect it was necessary for them to march one night to another port where there was Vessells fitt for said purpose and marching there two men slipped from them, and Runn away in a small boat and went and gave advice to Said Shipp of their Intention for w^ch: the Cap^t: thanked them and desired them that in said boat they would goe and advice his people thereof that was on Shoar and that he arriveing Safe at Batavia would gratifie them for their good Service and S^d: people went on shoar and gave advice to the long boate and came altogether away to the Ship, and then they weighed anchor and arrived at Batavia about the latter end of Aug^t: 1699 one of the Eng^s: men Dyed at Sea y^e other arrived at Batavia where they Say hee will be well Rewarded.

The Goa Ship named our Lady of good news comeing from Macoa to Malacca this present year of 1700 mett of, of Pulopisang (being about 20 leagues to the S^o: ward of Malacca) an Eng^s: Shipp in Comp^a: w^th: another Ship of Surratt, w^ch: had come from S^d: port of Macao and also a Sloop w^th: one mast the Cap^t: of the Goa Ship Seeing two Ships and one Sloop so near Malacca he presumed they might be Dutch Vessells Soe made towards them, and being about a Muskett Shott of knew one of them to be of Surratt w^ch: had Sailed 12 days before him for Macoa w^ch: had his bolt Sprit broke & comeing a little nearer to them w^th: Intention to Succour them he saw that the Eng^s: Ship made all y^e Sale he could towards him w^ch: made him prepare to defend himselfe the English Ship chaseing him a whole day till he arrived at Malacca and then left him and went to the S^o: ward where he had left his prize this was the news w^ch: y^e Cap^t: of y^e: Goa Ship related to the Gov^r: of Malacca who Enquired of me what I knew also, that he might write to the Councill at Batavia.

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CHUTTANUTTEE JAN^RY: THE 24^TH: 1699/700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T:
HON^BLE: ENG^S: EAST INDIA COMP^A: ON THE
COAST OF CHORMANDELL, WEST COAST &C^A: &
GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

HON^BLE: S^R: &C^A:

N^o: 25.
Rec^d y^e 21st Febry. 1699/700.

A ffrench boat passing by with a Gentleman goeing to dispatch one of the Royall Comp^s: Ships for Pullicherry, we took the oppertunity to write by her these few lines, and to Send the pacquett that was Saved out of the East India Merchant when lost on the Eastward Sand goeing from the new Deeps, after the Tow boat were discharg'd, and the Cap^t: had wrote a letter by them he was out of danger, We have not yet taken the Examination in Councill, but by the best acco^tt; we understand Stephen Shaw being in 7 ffathom water esteem'd himselfe Secure orderd the course S: S: E^t: which carrys a Ship clear promis'd to Stay with the Cap^t: until they came into 10 ffathom was careless Sett down to eat and drink, did not consider he had the fflood under foot, w^ch: required a good gale of wind that he had when first weigh'd but duller'd and no notice taken thereof, Soe that the Ship was hoisted a Shoar before they knew where they were, a Deplorable loss but we look forward and not backward, makeing all possible hast to dispatch Ship Josiah, having Sent away above 800 bales and expecting 150 more from Cassimbuzar within 5: or 6 days & 200 in house which we Shall make hast to prize; dusticks are gone for 300 more which we doubt not to have in by the 10^th: of next month to give the Cap^t: his dispatch by the 15^th: at farthest with a cargoe near 8 Laack of rup^s: Soe that if it please the Almighty after the afflictions of two Ships being lost to Send the Sidney and Josiah, Safe home, we doubt not but our hon^ble: Masters by the good Sales of these two Ships cargos will encrease in Riches & creditt able to withstand their Opposites, who will not Send one Ship this year early enough to Save her

passage about the cape; The Degrave is order'd for Metchlepatam with about 500 bales & will Sayl from Chandinagur where she now rides about 4 or 5 days hence we are

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Your most humble Serv[tts]:

JO[N]: BEARD
JONA[N]: WHITE
RALPH SHELDON

TO THE HON[BLE] THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]:
PRESID[T]: & GOVERNOUR OF FORT
S[T]: GEORGE &C[A]: COUNCILL.

METCHLEPATAM THE 7[TH]: OF FEB[RY]:
1699/700

May it please your hon[r]: &c[a]:

Since M[r]: Lovells departure (who Embarked on the Benjamin the 30[th]: Ult[o]: and doubt not but is with your hon[r]: &c[a]: long before this) nothing of moment has offer'd here, Save that my Lord Embassad[r]: Some days agoe had notice of your hon[rs]: Letter being Sent to the Nabob, and aplication made to him by a Second hand, upon w[ch]: he Sent for Sam[ll]: Woolston whom he Strictly charged with, Supposeing it to be done after M[r]: Lovell Embark'd, but upon further Examination found it to be otherwise; and was highly displeas'd thô M[r]: Lovell Should make application to the Government contrary to his orders Issued out; and has delivered Another order to the Same Effect, copy whereof goes here enclosed; and withall [dos] Solemnly declare that what English Subject Soever Shall presume to make addresses here, to any of the mogulls officers without his knowledge Shall Sufficiently Suffer for Soe offending; and the person that has made so slight of his orders shall in time heare of it, Supposeing he will not always have ffort S[t]: George for his protection; Soe that yo[r]: hon[r]: &c[a]: may be pleased to see how difficult it is for us to comply with your hon[r]: &c[a]: orders in this respect, without Running ourselves into those troubles that may prove in the End fatall to us; which we humbly beg yo[r]: hon[r]: &c[a]: will be pleas'd to take into consideration and Direct us Accordingly; hopeing that M[r]: Lovell has lay'd the case Soe open before yo[r]: hon[r]: &c[a]: that't will plainly appeare ho[w] dangerous a thing 'tis for us to make any application to the Government and we are certify'd of the inconveniency that would tend M[r]: Lovell for what he has done already; if he were in their reach. [N[o]: 26.] Received y[e]: 23[rd] Febr[y]. 1699/700.

This morning we had news of the new Nabob haveing had a Sci[r]mage with one Timoraz about Raja Mandrum; and is come of with loss of men; and the old Nabob is on his way to meet him with a great number of men, and 'tis the generall opinion that the new Nabob cannot continue long in these parts; not haveing the kings Phirmaund. By these peons we have Sent copy of our Journall & Leadger, directed to M[r]: Thomas Lovell; who will deliver them to your hon[r]: &c[a]: as Soone as Sign'd we are.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &ca:
Your most humble and obedient Serv[tts]:

SAMUELL WOOLSTON.
PHILIP NODEN.

*P*: *S*:—We understand the Embassador will Sett out about the 10[th]: March.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY S[R]: WILLIAM NORRIS BARRO[T]: HIS MAJESTY'S EMBASSAD[R]: EXTRAORDINARY TO THE GREAT MOGULL &C[A]:

You are hereby required, and comanded not to presume to make any address, or application in your own person or by any other directly or indirectly, to any publick minister or officer of the Great Mogull, without my knowledge, or permission as you will answer the contrary at your perill, Given at Metchlepatam the 2[d]. Feb[ry]: 1699/700 N[o]: 27.

WILLIAM NORRIS.

To M[r]: Samuell Woolston Factor for the Comp[a]: of
Merchants of London tradeing to the East Indies at Metchlepatam.

FORT S^T : DAVID 26^TH : FEBRUARY 1699/700.

TO THE HON^BLE : THOMAS PITT.
GOVERN^R : OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A : COUNCILL.

Hon^ble : &c^a :

No : 28* Recd : ℘ mo : March 1699/700. ℘ Ship China Caddu.

We are truly Sorry for the loss of the East India merchant in Bengall, a rumour of which wee had before from Pullicherry, of an English Ship being lost, but they knew not her name, God grant all the rest of their Shipping to arrive in Safety.

We have laden on the Chinna Caddu, belonging to Mollem 170 bales, being as many as She could Safely and conveniently take in, which we travers'd from on board his larger Ship the Cuddalore merchant, on whom at first we laded 200 bales, 30 of which are come aShoar for the reason aforesaid, and it may be a fortnight more before his Cuddalore merchant can be fitted and gott ready to Sail, She having lost Some of her masts in the late Storme that happen'd here on the 17^th : Ins^t : Bill of lading and Invoice of Said bales comes herewith. We have Sent our Gunner to take care of the Ship and unladeing the bales, whom wee pray may be hasten'd back to us as Soon as possible, not Knowing how Soon wee may have occasion for him, while these party's of horse of Surup Singh are roveing up and down so near our bounds, and have lain at Trevendapuram Some days, to the number of about 40 or 50 horse and as many Foot, It seems they are very much disoblig'd by our having rescued the little wreck Goods, belonging to our people laden on a boat of Colloway chittee's, which was drove aShoar & Staved 2 or 3 miles to the S^o : ward of our bounds, by the late storm. In this matter Ramage Gunnies as yett and hitherto has appeared our Friend. They Threaten to Stop the River of Trevendaporum, which used to water our corn Feilds, but of this we have no certainty; when we hear shall advise your hon^r : &c^a :

It is now about 12 mon^s : agoe, that one Thompson (a private centinell att Fort S^t: George) was Sent hither to assist our Doctor in the Physick room, as having been recommended for one bred up in the business of an Apothecary : instead of which he knows nothing that way, nor anything else fitt for this place, having wholly abandon'd himself to drunkeness & Sottishness, & is beleived uses no good means for procureing to gratify his extravagancys thõ he hath been often and freindly reprehended & admonish'd to reform; but he grows still worse, & it has by a constant habitt he has used himselfe to, fixt upon him Soe that he either will not or cannot refrain from itt; Soe that he is of no use to us, but a Dead charge concerning w^ch we request yo^r : orders.

We are in great want of Stores of Strong Arrack for the use of the Garrison, in So much that we have but very little or none, nor is any procureable here. We also want Timbers & Plank & about Some 20 Candy of Jaggery, as Stores for the use of our Bricklayers & most of all we want money, and shall be hard put to itt to pay off the Garrison this months charges wee Shall add no more but that we are.

Hon^ble : &c^a :
Your^r hon^rs &c^a : most Obedient
humble Servants

WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^D : MOUNTAGUE.
RI : FARMER.
TR : GAMES.
ROB^T : CRANWELL.
J^O : BERLU.

*P* : *S* :—The freight of these bales is paid here to Cap^t : Mocdum Nina.
J^NO : BULTEEL Sec^ry :

* This is No. 29 in I.O. copy.

VIZAGAPATAM, YE: 30TH: JANRY: 1699/700.

TO THE RT: HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDt: & GOVERNR: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT:
HONBLE: ENGs: EAST INDIA COMPA: &cA: COUNCILL.

Rt: Honble: &ca:

Our last was of the 8th: Inst: ℘ Ship Benjamin, accompanying our Generall Books & Invoice & Bill of Lading for 287 bales of callicoes laden on her & we design'd your honr: &ca: about 50 or 60 bales more ℘ this Ship Hamphrey & Charles having cloth sufficient for Said number in our Godownes & of which the Greatest part wash'd & congy'd but our Nabob comeing to town 5 or 6 days since and being still here & his stay uncertain has impeeded all manner of work & So prevented it. No: 29. Recd: 20th: Febry: 1699/700.

The new Sier Lascars people came Some of them yesterday to Norway a town about 10 miles from us in order to their goeing to Chiccacull of which our Nabob had no Sooner news but he sent out a Party of horse & foot & to Demand a Sight of their Phirmaund having advice they had none, & which if they could not produce to impeede their further proceedings what the Event will be wee Shall be Sure to give yor: honr: &ca: [the] timely necessary advice & in the Interim Remain.

Rt: Honble: &ca:
Your most humble Servants
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THOMAS STABLES.

*P*: *S*:—Messrs: Glover & Goodman having their Ship took from them at Soccadana take their passage herewth to whom referr for ye: further needfull therein.

S: HOLCOMBE.
T: STABLES.

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SYRIAN FEBRY: YE 2D 1699/700

HONBLE: SR: & WORSPLL: GENTLEMEN

Srs

I am Hond: wth: yours by Capt: Hart of the 6th: of September 1699 & according to your commands have assisted him in his affairs all what possible. No: 30. Recd: ye: 8th: March 1699/700.

I presume this trade may be worth the prosecuteing and that it might not be thought the Rt: Honble: Compa: rejects it, the king being desirous of a trade I have sent Capt: Hancocke to Ava where he will remaine till farther orders from yor: honr: &ca: Councill he being well disposed to the Service and willing to try his fortune wth: a small adventure between Capt: Manll: da Silva and himselfe I Sending Seaven peices of Beeteela's with him to present the Governour at his first arrivall I am told that the king is concern'd that the Compa: has Sent him noe present now haveing pretended to a Settlement in his Fathers time, as by the Present I brought and he having granted most that I requested and willing to grant more wonders what Should be the reason, and he having been told that I goe away this year and withdraw the ffactory is a reason that our business has not gone soe well as it might and that I have noe answer to a Small present, sent him before the Ships arrived, requesting his order for the factory house, a Lingua, and what was wanting of the returnes of the ½ customes last year on Capt: Watt's his cargoe & Since of the ½ of what Mr: Fenwick brot: Saying he would referr it to the next year.

The Armenians have all grants of the half customes and Gregory (who requested it) liberty of building, & by what I can understand they have good returnes of their Presents. The king is indeed ready to grant almost anything that can in reason be desired for the incouragement of a trade for more perticulers I beg leave to referr to my arrivall.

Mr: Pearce remains here in Syrian till the next monsoon designing then for Ava I shall wait on you by ye Masshahee Capt Plumbe Commandr: I am.

Honble: & Worspll:
Srs:
Yor: most faithfull & most humble
Servant
THOMAS BOWYEAR.

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SURRAT THE 25TH: OF DECEMBR: 1699.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT PRESIDT:
& COUNCILL AT FORT ST: GEORGE.

Gentlemen

No: 31. Our last to you was dated the 28th: Septr: incloseing a packquett for you and
Recd: 13th: March 1699/700 ℘ french coss'd. adviseing the arrivall of the Bedford & Hampsheir.

The 23d: Instant wee received yors: of the 5th: of September, copy thereof and ye: Papers Inclosed we have remitted to the Generall & Councill.

The 18th: of last month the Norris one of the new Societys Ship arriv'd wth: two persons to reside here in the Councill and Some writers; but they have no power to act till their Consul arrives, who is on board of ye: Mountague, So that they have not Landed a penny worth of goods nor transacted anything of moment. We Suppose Consull Waite will expect us to be under his Subjection, as Consulls Littleton and Pitt did the Rt: Honble: Compas: Servants att Bengll: and Metchlepatam, but we think he will be mistaken thô, we are not under So good circumstances to contend with him as yor: honr: &ca: and the Gentlemen at Bengall are, however we will do what we can to carry on our Rt: Honble: Masters trade without the assistance of any of their Competitors, We do resolutely intend to withstand them wth: an agreeable Zeal to our Masters Interest we Inclose copy of a clause of a Letter from the Generall & Councill which gives an account of the Fredericks arrivall, and ye: Montague's misfortune there are now in this five french Ships (two of them the kings) Seven Dutch Ships two Interlopers, and the Norris, and we daily expect the ffrederick, Bedford Hampsheir, & the four men of war, the latter have been at lanwarr) having buried Commodore Warren att Tellicherry, and designe from thence to Bombay and this Place for Information, and then to proceed to Madagascer in Search of ye: Pirates. We expect to send home the Northumberland, Bedford and Hampsheir this Season. The first of whom is on dispatch from Bombay, and the Latter we hope may be gone Sometime the Next Month. The Dutch Ships have a new directore on board with Souldiers and Instruments of Warr with designe (as tis thought) of undertakeing Some action against the Moors. He has by Letters Demanded the reason why their trade is So often interupted, and the Gentlemen of the Factory at this time Confined; to which the Governour hath return'd him a Compliment that he may come ashoar, their trade Shall not be interupted, and he Shall have more hon: and Liberty then any of his Predecessors. We hear he is preparing to Land att Swalley with 400 Souldiers for his guard, and designes from thence to treat with the Moors. It has already this Effect that none of the Merchants that used to trade to Moco make any preparation for that Voyage, expecting the issue of this affair; and till its concluded they resolve to hazard nothing of their Estates to sea.

We Inclose Severall Letters which we received for Sundry Persons at your place Since our Last we are.

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your humble Servants
STEPHEN COLT.
E. BENDALL.
THOMs: SOMASTER.
B. WYCHE.

MADAPOLLAM 28TH : FEBRUARY 1699/700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR :
PRESIDT : & GOVENR : OF FFORT.
ST : GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL :

May it please your honr : &ca :

We writ your honr : &ca : from Metchlepatam the 7th : instant & Sent copy of our Journall & Ledger which I hope are Safe with your honr : &ca : before this, and on the 20th : Instant we recd : your generall of the 7th : Ditto with Invoice of one bundle and box of Merchandize which we recd : Some days before by a Country boat without any advise from your honr : &ca : No. 32. Recd: ye: 17th March 1699/700.

The Rt : Honble : Compas : Cloth haveing laid for sometime Stopt under the Governmt : much to the discredit of our Honble : Employers, and not having any business Extraordinary att Metchlepatam wee thought it most convenient for my comeing hither to gett Sd : Goods cleare which I have Accomplish'd with a great deale of fair promises, which has been the chief thing I have had here to work upon all along, but now find those people will not be Served So any longer. The Rashwarrer is very pressing for the remaining part of pags : 100 Present, as formerly advised, but yor : honr : &ca : was never pleased to take any notice of it nor concerning wt : I writ yor : honr: &ca : in allowing the washing of fine Long Cloth to our Merchants here as I find was formerly done by the latter end of next month they will have brought in the full Complement of their Contract, therefore hope your honr : &ca : will be pleased to give us orders how we Shall Proceed.

Our Metchlepatam Merchants will not meddle with any more broad cloth or lead having the most part of what they bought lying in the ffactory yett unsold they bring in cloth briskly which is all clear'd under that Government by the Embassdrs : order we not being admitted to make our application as formerly advised.

Tomorrow God willing I designe for Metchlepatam & Shall Endeavour to gett what cloth we can washd before the hott winds come in.

The old fflag att Emaldee is Soe rotten and tore that it cannott be used any longer, if your honour &ca : Please to give orders we shall gett a new one made, else twill be needless to be att the charge of keeping a Peon & fflaggmen there any longer.

We have news that the old Nabob is orderd to Continue in his Government and Mide Cawn Beague intends for the Camp I am.

Honble : Sr : &ca :
Yor : most humble Servant
SAMUELL WOOLSTON.

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FORT ST : DAVID YE : 14TH : MCH : 1699/700

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT
GOVERNR : OF FORT ST : GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL.

Honble : &ca :

On the 9th : Instant we recd : yor : honrs : &ca : of the 5th : of the Same, by Mr : Bugden, adviseing the Severall Stores laden on board ye : Chinna Caddu wch : are recd : here according to Bill of Lading and wee Confess your honr : &ca : to be fully in ye : right, in that we ought not to part with our cheif Gunner on any Score for the reasons yor : honr : &ca : give us. But the case was So with us that we were forced to make a vertue of necessity, as having none other here capeable to take the care & charge of carrying a Ship hence to your Port; & there is no English man or other Europeans that belong to any of the Shipping of this place, that Speak our language, they being all manned wth : the Natives, and in Such case what Shall be done. No. 33. Recd : ye: March 18th 1699/700.

Thompson having made request to bear arms as a Private Centinell, we have gratified him as to the Same, and thô : he has chang'd Stations, yet dos Still retain his old ill habitt, wch : we take no pleasure to mention again.

We now Send yor: honr: &ca: the Journall Letter I to the Ledger of the Same formerly Sent you to remain at the Fort, wch: was an omission of not being Sent Sooner and Mr: Haynes promises his utmost dilligence (and will use no excuse) to bring and keep up the present Books K to their due time.

Mr: Bugden who by his dilligence civill carriage and behaviour here, has rendred himself worthy of all the good Commendation we can give him and we cannot Say but we are very Sorry to part with one So fitly qualify'd but that it is in obedience to your honr: &cas: orders, and his own desire wch: we wish and hope may prove for his good, as he well deserves But we must now again make our earnest request to your honour &ca: as we have before in our Generall Letter of ye: 24th: May last for a Supply of Some more hands to assist in writing work, to bring up what was & Still is So much behind, Before the Deputy Governour arrived here, and our Secretary of whom we must impartially Say, dos all he can to the utmost yt: in him lyes to the carefull discharge of the Duty of his office but by the multitude of business that crouds in daily upon him, and want of assistance together with his being So much Subject to the headach wch: is troublesom to him and much increased by Stooping at writeing, as may more at large appear to your honour &ca: in a Paper apart by all wch: he is not able of himself to goe through with what lyes upon him wch: we humbly offer to your honour &ca: not as any excuse in his behalfe but as the reall true reasons that our Consultations were not gott ready to be Sent by the Benjamin but he promises God willing, having his health that they Shall be wrote out fair to be Sent by the next September Shipping wch: we have cause to beleive.

Sometime about the middle of Last month we Sent Messrs: Farmer & Berlu to Mr: Brunt ye: Dutch Resident at their ffactory att Tevenapatam, to represent to him ye: incommodiousness of their Godown which runs cross ye: main Street of that Town, which Intercepts and hinders out great Gunns of the Fort to Clear ye round Po[i]nt on ye: Sand Hill to the N°ward of Tevenapatam, to which he made no other answer then that he would write concerning it to Governour Commens and Councill at Negapatam, wch: accordingly he did, and Soon after Mr: Brunt came to Vissit the Deputy Governour on that occasion, and acquainted him that their Governour and Councill of Negapatam gave leave for the removeing or pulling down of ye: Said Godown, but that it belongeth to Some of their Merchants who built ye: Same, with whom we must agree, and allow them Some Consideration to Compensate the loss they Shall Sustain by pulling down, or buying Sd: Godown, which cost as they Say 500 pags: ye: building, Concerning wch: we wait your honrs: &cas: orders before we Conclude anything certain with them, but Shall take care to inform ourselves what they are resolv'd to let it goe for, or in Such a Case whether we ought to give any thing for takeing away So Great an inconveniency, for wch: reason we have not yet entred on any treaty wth: them, that we may not seem to be eager or fond in purchaseing it with money if it can be obtain'd otherwise which we much doubt Cannot: meantime we have caused our Bricklayer and Carpenters to view and measure the same, wch: being done, they report to us that that part of the Godown which crosses ye: Street measures in length 27 feet ye: breadth 19 feet the height of the wall 17 feet, and the thickness of the wall two feet, wch.: part aforesaid taken away from ye: rest of the length of ye: godown, to make it even wth: ye: rest of the buildings of ye: Street, they privately value to us at Pags: 30.

We cannot determine any sum certain we would have yor: honour &ca: Send us because that will depend much on Such resolutions as you may have of making or not makeing any new Contract in this place, before the arrivall of our Masters Shipping from England, but more of this hearafter Meantime the Deputy Governour Sends yor: honr: &ca: his account of the Honourable Comps: Cash, from the ꝑmo June last, to the ꝑmo Instant by which you may please to observe at how low an Ebb our cash has been, for Severall months successively, besides we have not yet quite cleared accounts with our Merchants which were it not for that we should think Pags 1,500 or 1,600 with ye: Incomes of our farmes, might Suffice for Expence of ye: Garrison untill ye: Ships arriv'd.

We have drawn a Small bill of Exchange of 47 Pag$^{s}$ upon yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: of this days date Payable to Daniell Chardin Esq$^{r}$: for the like vallue paid into the R$^{t}$: Honourable Companys Cash here by the Deputy Governour payable at 3 days Sight.

In our Generall Letter of y$^{e}$: 18$^{th}$: January last to your honour &c$^{a}$; wee desired that Some part of your Severall musters at the Fort might be Sent us, for our merchants to view and consider of, and y$^{ir}$: Severall and respective prices to be advised us, y$^{e}$: better to direct and guide ourselves by, if your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: are willing we Should Contract with our Merchants for a [new invest]ment on the terms formerly advised your honour &c$^{a}$: but the Pag$^{s}$: 30,000 y$^{e}$: amount which you have given us leave to Contract for will take of but a small quantity of Europe Goods thô the proportion is the Same in a lesser, as well as in a greater Summ. The Deputy Gov$^{r}$: doth further declare to your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: that he hath prevailed with the Merchants who are very willing at last to Credit y$^{e}$: Honourable Comp$^{a}$: and to provide and bring in cloth to the amount of ten or twelve thousand Pag$^{s}$: at 9 per Cent, untill y$^{e}$: arrivall of y$^{e}$: Honourable Comp$^{s}$: Shipping, which hope may be in May or June at furthest y$^{e}$: Interest to commence from y$^{e}$: measuring of the Cloth, but to pay upon no more then what Shall be Embaled after Sorting of y$^{e}$ Washed Goods, and that your honour &c$^{a}$: may beleive us to be in Earnest, we have at our Merchants own request deliver'd them out by order of Consultation 11 bales of broad Cloth on their new Intended Contract at y$^{e}$; Same Rate we disposed of those we rec$^{d}$: by y$^{e}$: Benjamin in August Last Viz$^{t}$: Pag$^{s}$: 17 y$^{e}$ halfe or Single peece, which we pray your honour &c$^{a}$ to consider of, and give your answer but by all means and first of all y$^{e}$ musters must be Sent, or come along with y$^{e}$: answer.

We hope to provide ourselves with Stores of Plank at this place w$^{th}$: out giveing you y$^{e}$ trouble of Sending us any upon freight. The Friendship a Ship of M$^{r}$. Afflecks, M$^{r}$ Morris Command$^{r}$: from Pegu, arriveing Safely here yesterday we add no more, but that we are w$^{th}$: all respect.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:
Your hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: most obed$^{t}$: humble
Servants

William Fraser. Ri: Farmer.
John Haynes. Tr: Games.
Ralph Ingram. Rob$^{t}$: Cranwell.
Edm$^{d}$: Mountague. John Berlu.

*P.S.*—The Copy of the Comp$^{s}$: cash goes inclosed with the Journall.

Jo: Bulteel Sec$^{ry}$:

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The present books letter K: are up to y$^{e}$: last of December but Some accounts for January being wanting cannot conveniently be carried on farther before they are brought in w$^{ch}$: may be next consultation Day.

If accounts are brought in as they ought to be and it pleased God to Continue my health and the books are not ballanc'd in due time I Desire no favour or to be excused from having the Companys orders relateing thereto put in execution against me, but if your honour &c$^{a}$: thinks fitt to appoint any one that can doe y$^{e}$: Books better [than my]Self (that will accept thereof) the Imploy of Book-keeper Shall be willingly reign'd by.

Your hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: humble
Servant
John Haynes.

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Worsp$^{ll}$: S$^{r}$: March the 13$^{th}$: 1699–700.

The consultations were written fair by M$^{r}$: Bugden and myself to the end of July, and the reasons I did not finish them were these Viz$^{t}$: the first and cheifest is my want of assistants haveing no body to assist in writeing fair the least paper, So that 'tis very Seldome, I am Idle, and that onely when dozed with over much

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writeing, My Second reason is that att that Juncture of time when the Consultations Should have been writ, I was many days oblidged to be att Cuddalore to inspect the delivery of the paddy to the peons, The third is that I ever was troubled wth: a Swimming in my head, which incapasitates me from Sitting long att writeing; and it does So much increase upon me, by constant poreing on pen and paper that I fear it will on time or other (when no help may be att hand) bereave me of my life. I am very willing to perform wt: I am able to Serve my Rt: Honourable masters, but must now with all humility, declare that If I have no assistants I Shall desire to quitt my troublesome Employ not so much for the fatique I und[ergoe, but] that the Companys business being (as I found most of itt) So very much backward, I shall I fear be censured as an Idle person, when as (Yor: Worship may well know) I doe as much as I possibly can perform I hope your Worship will excuse my prolixity; and it being partly your command, I dispair not of pardon for this trouble given you from.

Worspll: Sr:
Your most humble & obedient
Servant
John Bulteel.

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To the Honble: Thoms: Pitt
President and Governour of
Fort St: George &ca: Councill.

Fort St: Davd: 20th: March 1699-1700.

Honble: &ca:

No: 35. Recd: ye: 23d: March 1699-1700.

Our last to this was of the 14th: Inst: which we beleive may be wth: you before this time since which on the 18th: Instant Mr. Hayness has produced to us in Councill a rough draught of the Rt: Honble: Companys Generall Books of accounts letter K brought up to the ultimo December last but he will want large Book paper for coppying out two pair fair, one pair for England, and the other pair to remain with you att the Fort, which we hope may be procured out of Some of the China Shipps, returning Via Battavia, which God grant to arrive in Safety with you.

On the Ship Friendship, Capt: William Morrice commander we intend God willing to lade 134 bales of the Rt: Honourable Companys which are all we have ready; and little or none more to come in, on this present Investment wch: we shall better know when their accounts wth: ours are made up, that are now adoeing.

We have received of Captain William Morrice into the Rt: Honourable Comps: cash the Sum of pagodas 1200 for wch: we have given him two bills of Exchange both of one and the Same tenour and date, drawn on the Honourable President &ca: att ten days Sight, payable to Messrs: Frewen and Wigmore.

We want a Supply of packing Stuff, also Some bees wax, Captain Morrice having none but what is laded on account freight, which he Says he has no power to dispose of without order of those concern'd we have Supply'd ourSelves (for a while) wth: plank, having bought 130 amount to pagodas 45: 16.

We await your honour &cas: answer to Rama Lingua relateing to the coining of rupees in our mint of Cuddalore, a[s] advised you in our generall Lre of ye: 18th: of Janry last, we Shall not enlarge [any m]ore now Save that we are with all respect.

Honble: &ca:
Your honrs: &ca: most obedt: humble
Servants

William Fraser. Richard Farmer.
John Haynes. Tr. Games.
Ralph Ingram. Robert Cranwell.
Edmd. Mountague. John Berlu.

*P.S.*—We are in great want of quills & Tape, and request a Supply by the next peons.

John Bulteel, Secry:

METCHLEPATAM Y[E]: 6[TH]: MARCH 1699–1700.

TO THE HON[BLE]: THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]: OF FORT
S[T]: GEORGE &C[A]: COUNCILL.

May it please your hon[r]: &c[a]:

No: 36. Rec[d]: y[e]: 23[d]: March 1699–1700.

The foregoeing are Copys of what writ to your honour &c[a]: Since the Benjamin Sailed hence and this Serves now to give your honour &c[a]: account of the Degraves arrivall here yesterday, after 13 days Passage from Bengall who brings the bad news of y[e]: Ship East India Merchant being cast away upon y[e]: Sago Sands, and all her Cargoe Lost, Except y[e] Captains, who Secured what he had, and was y[e] first man that Left the Ship, we have a very Strange Account of this Sad Accident as if it were Designedly done. God Comfort y[e]: Sufferers and grant their Losses may be restor'd Some other way. This Ship comes So full that She will Scarce be able to take in what the Consull hath here already for her, which is about 250 bales here and at Madapollam y[e]: News Captain Browne brought us Concerning y[e] new Companys Shipping att Bengall, has Since y[e] arrivall of this Ship, been Subject Enough for y[e] Country people to rediculize Such Proceedings Saying twas only out of malice to Cast Such reports to lessen the new Company these moor Merchants here also having advice from Bengall of y[e]: Great Splendor they live in & their business goeing on to admiration the Antelope Cap[t]: Hammond Command[r]: was ready to Saile at y[e]: Ships Departure.

Our Merchants here have notice from Maddrass that your honour &c[a]: has deferr'd accepting the Bill of Pagodas 2500 for Severall days, Offering lead & broad Cloth for itt which they refuse to take, and are very much Dissatisfy'd they have offer'd to y[e]: Consull what goods he pleases to y[e]: value of 15000 Pagodas but he will not deale with any, but those that he first employed, So that to be plaine they are heart Sick of this business, we have had no cloth come in for Severall days I ask them y[e]: reason of itt. They presently replyd that if we will Supply them with money they Shant be backward in bringing Goods and then our business may be carryed on w[th]: as much Creditt and Chearefullness as y[e]: Companys.

These Vizagapatam peons being in hast to be gone I have not else to Say but that I am.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Your most humble Servant
SAMUELL WOOLSTON.

The reason M[r]: Noden Signes not to this is because I have not Seen him these 4 days thô have Sent to his house for him Severall times.

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VIZAGAPATAM FFEB[RY]: Y[E]: 24[TH]: 1699–1700.

TO THE R[t]: HON[BLE]: THOM[S]: PITT ESQ[R]:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]: FOR AFFAIRS OF Y[E]:
R[T]: HON[BLE]: ENG[S]: EAST INDIA COMP[A]: &C[A]: COUNCILL.

R[t]: Honourable &c[a]:

No: 37. Rec[d]: 23[d]: March 1699-1700.

Our Last was of y[e]: 30[th] ult: adviseing the Nabobs being here, and his Sending a Spy to impeede the new comers proceeding to Chiccacull unless they produced their phirmaund but he soon after upon Second consideration alterd that resolution & remanded his party resolving to Demand it of Medda Cawne himself & accordingly in 3 or 4 days proceeded for Amapilla a town about 20 miles to the S[o]ward of us and where he Still remains continueing his resolution and expecting a Phirmaund from y[e]: King for his reestablishment and which is

now credibly reported he will receive in less then 15 days, we carry our Selves with that circumspection to both Governments as to Disobleige neither and they both hold a friendly Correspondence with us and we Shall be at little or no expence in ℘sents till wee See on [e]party firmly Settled in ye: Government and then be as frugall therein as consists with reason and the Exegency of our affairs ffuckera Saib on his departure hence did our cheif great Honour Setting him in his own Pallakeen, comeing to his house to Vissit him, and giveing him a rich Suite of cloths an Elephant, and 2 Horses and makeing all demonstrations of Love possible and who if returns (and which there's little doubt of) will grant any request Your honour &ca: Shall have occasion to ask there relateing to the Companys affairs at Metchlepatam or any where else under his Government but if it Should unfortunately Succeed otherwise we Still doubt not but to maintain a reasonable friendship with the new comers having engaged the Mulla Serdeels Rajahs Surdars &ca: to our Interest and being well experienced in the affairs of the Moors Durbar and Government.

Ship Fleetwood importing here ye: 6th: bro't us ye: honour of yours of ye: 16th: and 22d: Ultimo with which recd: ye: Severall papers and things Sent us which we Shall make use of a[s] occasion requires. As to the making an outcry of our broad cloth we have thought fitt to deferr it till further directions on account of the following reasons; we now Sell it here the aurora at Ps: 8 per yard the Red and Green at Ps: 5 ye: ordinary Perpetuano's at P: 1½ ye: fine at P: 2½ as peoples occasions present, and Should we put it to Sail by outcry we must not expect above ½ those rates neither afterwards Shall we be able to raise it again to those prices, for ye: Sier Lascar, his Officers &ca: being the persons that consume most of those [ . . . ] goods will Expect for the future to be charged wth: no more then the publick Sale produced and therefore we Shall await your further order for its disposeall.

We enclose our last months account cash by wch: your honour &ca: will perceive we want a Supply for the carrying on our necessary expences which we hope you will afford us as Soon as possible and if you Design us a large Investmt: this year this is the Season for commencing it being fair weather the harvest over and So the people at leisure for Spining of cotten and making t[h]read, which ours being a grain country the Seasons for Sowing, transplanting, and gathering the Corn so Employs the Natives that it much impeeds and protards our Investmts: at those times which we leave to your honr: &ca: more discreet Judgements and Subscribe

Rt: Honble: &ca:
Your most humble Servts:

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMAS STABLES.

The town has been on fire these 5 or 6 days at Severall times & is consumed as last year, but ye: Compas: ffactory, washing & beating godowns wth: much care & labour were preserv'd thô Severall times on fire ye: houses all round them being quite consum'd ye: bales mention'd in our last are now made up.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMs: STABLES.

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TO THE HONOURABLE THOMs: PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

FORT ST: DAVID MARCH YE: 26TH: 1700.

Honble: &ca:

No: 38. Recd: ye: 29th: March 1700 ℘ ye. Freindship.

This Serves to advise your honr: &ca: that we have laden upon the Freindship, Capt: William Morrice Commandr: 148 bales Severall Sorts Callicoes, which are all wee have that are Embaled, for which we enclose you a bill of

Lading, Invoice of which Shall be Sent overland if itt cannott be gott ready time enough to Send with this, being we are unwilling to detain the Captain for the Same.

We cannot prevaile with Capt: Morrice anyways to induce him to carry hence on his Ship the two piratt Prisoners Sent us from Acheen.

Thô we are uncertain by reason of the distance between your Port and ours, to hitt the proper time to congratulate the Safe arrivall of your China Ships, yett we cannott omitt but with all Sincerity with Joy to all the concern'd, upon the good news of them, brought us by two Ships of the Portugueze from Maccow the first named Nos Seniora De Rosario Capt: Anthony de Sequary Commandr: arrived here on the 24th: Instant in the afternoon the other arriv'd yester night, Named the St: Pedro, Manuell Gonsalvas Commandr: both of them by reason of their better Saileing having left Mr: Dolbin and Captain Gostlin in Company wth: two Danes Shipps this Side the Necombars all of them resolved to keep Company untill they made ye: Coast, one of Said Danes Shipps returning from Manilha, and ye: other from Malacca wch: is all att present that offers, but that we are most respectfully

Honble: &ca:
Your Honrs: &ca: most obedient
humble Servants

William Fraser.
Ralph Ingram.
Ri: Farmer.
Robt: Cranwell.
Jn: Berlu.

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To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Eqr: Presidt: & Governour of Fort St: George &ca: Councill.

Metchlepatam ye: 26th: March 1700.

May it please your honr: &ca:

Wee have not been backward in giveing due advice to your honr: &ca: of all occurrences in these Parts wth: out being Hond: wth: any from you Since Mr: Lovell went from this place, Save one of ye: 7th: Ultimo which only gave us account of ye: Benjamins Safe arrivall Soe that we are dubious whether our books & Lres are come to your honr: &ca: hands not being advised either by your honr: or Mr: Lovell of the Same, and now this cheifly Serves to acquaint Your honr: &ca: that Some of the Madapollam Merchants are come hither to advise us that (wth: what Goods lyes Stopt in the country), they have already provided cloth to ye: full complement of the Contract according to agreement, desireing Said Goods may be cleared and alsoe that this account may bee adjusted & Soe that they may either goe upon another contract with us, or make their application to the Consull. We can answer 'em noe otherwise then that wee give your honr: &ca: an account of itt, and accordingly Shall Act. The Consull is now contracting wth: his Merchants here for Pagodas 50000 to be brought in by August next (att which time he expects ye: London from Bengall and wth: his Madapollam merchants) who are come hither for Sixty thousand Pagodas more to be provided against sd: time I understand he refuses dealing wth: any of our merchants unless they are clear of us, except it be that famous or rather base men Quollo Narso and two more, that went to him two days after his arrivall as the Consull himselfe has afirm'd; this makes Jappa Chittee and the rest of our merchants both here and at Madapollam very disconsolate to See their inferiours, Soe briskly employed, and they in a manner quiet, & when we say anything to encourage them, their reply is what can we Expect when your bills of So Small matter are not yet paid att the Fort, and wish they had never been over ℘swadded nor given too much Creditt to care promises and pretentions then they might have been employed in the new companys Service as well as their neighbours.

No: 39.
Recd: Aprill ye: 10th: 1700.

The Degrave Sailed out of this Road for Europe the 16th: Instant She took in here above 250 bales wch: I understand amounted to the Summ of Pagodas 45000

We understand his Excellency Designes not to Stir till after y[e]: hott winds, we have not else to add, but humbly beg your honour &c[a]: will be pleas'd to enorder us how we Shall act relateing to what have already Said, that we may endeavour to hinder our merchants from Leaveing us, which they will all certainly doe if your honour &c[a].: doe not Send Some Speedy remedy for the preventing itt wee are

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Your most Humble & obed[t]: Servants
SAMUELL WOOLSTON.
PHILIP NODEN.

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TO THE HON[BLE]: THOM[S]: PITT
PRESID[T]: & GOVERN[R]: OF FORT
S[T]: GEORGE &C[A]: COUNCILL.

FORT S[T]: DAVID Y[E]: 8[TH]: APRILL 1700.

Hon[ble]: &c[a]:

N$_o$: 40. Rec[d]: 12[th]: Aprill 1700.

With this we inclose Invoice of y[e]: 148 bales of callicoes, Laden on y[e]: Friendship Captain William Morrice Commander which we thought to have Sent by the Johanna on y[e]: 28[th]: Past, but that She Sailed by before wee rec[d]: any answer to certifie us what She was though we immagined her to be the Same that their answer told us, for which God be praised.

Your honour &c[a]: advises nothing of the Silk worms, Soe long promised from Bengall, thro want of which the 4 necauds are a Dead charge to y[e]: honourable Company for So much paid themselves here, and to their familys in Bengall there having been nothing for them to doe here for Severall months past, Since they planted a few mulberry Shrubbs which they did at y[r]: first comeing.

Here are three dutch Runaways of your Garrison, Viz[t]: Cloise Storm, John Bruss and Hendrick Swarton y[e]: two former came here on y[e]: 15[th]: Past, and the latter on y[e]: 3[d]: Ins[t]: Though all three of them came away at once from Madrass in Company they Seem to have been reduced to great Extremity, by the mean condition of their Cloths before they came to us, Part of which as they Say, they were fain to give to y[e]: Juncaneers, and y[e]: Rest of y[r]: Cloths they gave to procure y[m]: Provisions in their way hither. We cannot immagine what Sho[d]: induce them and others to run from yo[r]: Garrison to this unless it be that each European Private centinell is Paid here 100 of your fanams ℘ mensem, & yours of the Same condition are paid but 91 fan[s]: at Madrass which is 9 Small fanams difference, and was Establish'd Some years agoe by the late Governour Hatsell, Probably in time of y[e]: famine but it is an additionall charge to this place, and we know not well how to retreive it, unless a fitt oppertunity Sho[d]: offer to change them for an Equall number of your Souldiers, to be Sent us in their Stead.

We are in great want of a Sett of Brass Standard weights to remaine with us here as well for adjusting our old weights (which are defective and complained of) as to make new ones by them, which we request may be Sent us, one piece of each weight from half a Pound Progressive to half a hundred w[t]: avoirdupoize.

On the 3[d]: Instant M[r]: Cranwell and Lievtenant James Davis went to Cuddalore to Vissit Some There, and Returning together at night in their way comeing to the River side to take boat, it So happen'd (upon what occasion we know not) Leivtenant Davis took and threw M[r]: Cranwell Down to the ground at which time the lascarrs came to carry M[r]: Cranwell into the boat, and being in their arms, Leivtenant Davis beat him w[th]: his cane in Sight of all that were there Present. M[r]: Cranwell made his complaint of the Same y[t]: night, with the greatest aggravations to the Deputy Governour to doe him Justice and right against Leivtenant Davis, who had So grosely abused him, which was Promised Should be Done But the next day when y[e]: Councill were called on this Occasion M[r]: Cranwell appear'd a main Sollcitor for Leivtenant Davis, not onely for a mitigation but forgiveing all the wrongs and abuses he so vehemently complain'd of the night before in w[ch]: the rest of the Councill Did not concurr, but the Truth is M[r]: Cranwell has all along by a familyarity too mean and abject procured himselfe much Slight & contempt

from the military officers of this Garrison, who have soe much imposed upon him, as to have made him their Redicule, on the other Hand because we would not be partiall, wee find Leivt: Davis very Submissive to acknowledge his fault, and is sorry for the Same, and promises not to be guilty any more of any offence of this nature, and we beleive him mean time he Stands Suspended Ex-Officio, and is confined to his chamber, untill wee have your honrs: &ca: orders concer[n]ing this matter, which we pray may be hastned to us, as ℘ our Consultation of ye: 4th: Instant.

We being in great want of a good Gunner at Cuddalore, have entertain'd one William Wathen, late Gunner of ye: East India Merchant a Sober man of Good knowledge & well Skilled in the Art of Gunnery at 9 Pagodas ℘ mens̃: for ye: Present, but he insisted upon ten Pagodas which is the pay allowed at Madrass to the Gunner of ye: outworks and first mate to ye: Cheife Gunner there, which at his request wee promised to advise your honour &ca: of he being the most compleat in his Art as ever wee had here and as Such he ought to be valued and Serjt: Ignatius White Who hath Served the Honble: Company the Space of 12 years with good applause, and hath Officiated of late years a[s] Gentleman of the arms in this Garrison, hath petitioned us for his Discharge, wee suppose upon Some advantagious invitations made him by Some considerable Relations he hath in Manilha, wee told him wee had no power to Discharge him untill we advis'd your honour &ca: but he was so urgent and importunate with us Declaring himself to be a freeman, and that the Honble: Companys Service was not bondage, in so much that he prevailed wth: us to give him leave to goe to Fort St: George on ye: China Ship now in ye: Road of Cuddalore. In whose Stead for the present we have appointed Serjant Wilson, who writes an indifferent good hand, untill further ordr: from your honr: &ca: The Heer Commens design of visiting all their Factorys along The Coast, Seems to be put off untill he hath first Dispatch'd two Shipps, one of them gone from Bengall to Columbo, with a Lading of rice, and is Dayly Expected if not already arrived, and Both to be Sent away to Batavia, where it is Said they are fitting out 24 Sail of Ships, of wch: Fleet ye: late Governour Laurence Pitt is Designed Admirall and Commander in Chief against Surrat, and to block up the Port. This is the Private news whispered about at Negapatam, and as so wee relate it to your Honour &ca:

The Avaldar of Porto Novo undr: Jemser Cawn, and Surup Sing Governour of Chingie Threatens us with a Cattamute to hinder provisions and Firewood to come into our bounds and pretend our Saving the wreck of Colloway Chitte's, boat in February last as their Reasons for So Doeing of all which wee have not yett found any Thing of itt Effectually true or whether it be to amuse us to allure their Friendship to us by a Present wee know not, whom we hope not to be affraid of at this time of day However Ramogee Gunnies hath wrot a Sawcy pert Letter to the Deputy Governour translate of which we Send your honour &ca: and Shall give answer to it Suddainly, when we Shall have Discoursed the Ranters that have Lived here Severall years past under our Government and protection whom we Shall advise not to be any more Concern'd with the Duans Business in renting of Countrys, untill There is a better Setled Government otherwise we Shall tell them to Shift for themselves.

We have recd: yor: honrs: &ca: Genll: Lre of ye: 28th: past wth: ye: bundle of musters accompanying it wch: wee Shall consider & answer in due time wee Shall add no more but yt: wee are.

Honble: &ca:

Yor: Honrs: &ca: most obedt: humble Servants.

William Fraser.
Jn: Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd: Mountague.
Ri: Farmer.
Tr: Games.

*P.S.*—Gunner Wathen wee mention'd to be entertain'd in service here ye: Noqueda of ye: Bengll: Ship of wch: he is Chiefmate, will not clear him here; they are gone to Madrss: to sell yr: Cargo of rice, for wch: they were offer'd here Pags: 22 ℘ Garse.

There needs not So great a Stir about what is mention'd Concerning the Accidentall Difference between Rob$^{t}$: Cranwell and Cap$^{t}$: Davis Since all was endeavour'd to be brought to a Reasonable reconcilliation by most of the Councill on that Day, of our meeting on Captain Davis his Submissive acknowledgment of his fault and humbly Begging Pardon of the Deputy Governour and Councill in Gen$^{ll}$: and my Self in perticular, and for my part I am wholly enclined to forgive rather then foment Distractions thô there are indecent Invectives Thrown upon me in this Letter.

ROB$^{T}$: CRANWELL.

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VIZAGAPATAM MARCH Y$^{E}$: 31$^{ST}$: 1700.

TO THE R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: THOM$^{S}$: PITT ESQ$^{R}$:
PRESID$^{T}$: & GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: ENGLISH EAST INDI$^{A}$:
COMP$^{A}$: &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

N$^{o}$: 41. Rec$^{d}$: y$^{e}$: 22$^{d}$: Aprill 1700.

Yours of the 6$^{th}$: Instant, wee were honoured with the 15$^{th}$: w$^{th}$: your accompanying Account Current of our tradeing Stock the ballance whereof we find to amount to Pag$^{s}$: 26740 : 19 : but there is upwards of 6000 thereof in Goods for Sale and Debts not recoverable and not belonging to our Merchants besides which your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: have given us no Creditt for our expences &c$^{a}$: So that our merchants wont be indebted upwards of Pagodas 18000 one half whereof is and will in a months time be Embaled and the remainder they will Discharge gradually being their old Debt occasion'd by the Severe famine and Setterams rebellion when y$^{e}$: Dutch at Brimlipatam deserted their Factory and had it plundered and lost therein and by their Merch$^{ts}$: upwards of a Lack of Rupees and have never Since bin able to make an Investment and a further occasion of our Merchants being in arrears was y$^{e}$: former troubles being Seconded by a Scarcity of Cotton Soe that they were forced to have it from Madarass at Pagodas 24 ℔ Ca : as appears ℔ yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{rs}$: books and if your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: Shall at any time upon y$^{e}$: most exact Scrutin[y] (though you are pleased to censure us So hardly) find any other reason for our arrears we hereby oblidge our Selves to repay to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: for account of the Hon$^{ble}$: Company double Said amount having never practized any clandesti[n]e or Sinister means but endeavoured all things uprightly and justly for our Employers advantage as time and experience will wee rest assured Sufficiently evince To our credits and yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: content and Satisfaction.

Wee did ℔ use the list of Goods Sent us and observed therein the complaint of y$^{e}$: Betee'las Sent home ℔ y$^{e}$: Mary but She not Taking her Ladeing from hence nor yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: Sending us any Paragraph of the Companys Letter complaining of our Sortment gave us good reason to beleive they were none of ours.

Wee have made yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: full returns of the Betee'las we Sent the 3 musters the contract being but for pagodas 1777 : 28 which you have received.

That our other Betee'las are ord$^{y}$: and dear we must confess and in so much that we Should not have Embaled Some of them had wee not received repeated orders to return no goods but take all on proportionable abatements and wherein if wee have err'd wee must acknowledge our Selves blame worthy but if not (and which wee presume wee have not) we think we are excuseable especially the first musters not being made by us but by our predecessors and never yet disaproved, or forbid thô indeed Dear as we Said before but without the proffitt thereon our merchants would never be able to contract for the other goods costing much more from the weavours Loom then invoiced to the Company as wee mentioned in our Contracts, our Bettee'las to be made w$^{th}$: variety of Small narrow Stripes Soe wee

were always pressing the merchants to bring 'em in after yt: manner and which in pt: they complyed with many goeing both by the Neptune and the Benjamin but the originall muster continueing Still the Same, we found the cloth of this Stripe to come out much better then those new narrow Stripes we ordered, and Soe made us ye: more inclinable to receive a greater quantity thereof, what our merchants have exceeded in their proportion of fine goods already Sent, they must now make up in their arrears in course and which we Shall take care of.

That the chief &ca: do's and can buy Betteelas at a much cheaper rate then the Honourable Companys are charg'd at we allow, but the reason we Desire yor: honr: &ca: to observe because they have no proportion of Long Cloth and Sallampores therewth:

Yor: honr: &ca: Shall have no more of those Betteela's you complain of then what is the due proportion by Contract and already come in having possitively forbid the merchants bringing any more to us.

Our Genll: books Shall always be Sent yor: honr: &ca: as Soon as possible, and the reason they have been Sent by the Shipping from hence has been (thô yor: honr: &ca: are pleased to misconstrue it [is] because we Esteem'd it the most Safe conveyance and to Save charges and not out of any Design to keep yor: honr: &ca: in the dark and for the future you Shall have them as Soon as finished and the coppys of our books P Shall be forthwith Sent you.

Should wee have put of the goods for Sale to our merchants we Should have only enlarg'd their arrears and at last possibly occasion'd it to have been a bad debt, they having in realty notwithstanding yor: honr: &ca: mistrust of our fidelity and management of affairs wth: them Suffer'd considerably in their Estates Since they became the companys merchants.

Wee must with Submission advise yor: honr: &ca: wee never gave you any hopes of recovering the Doubtfull Debts in our books as our entries therein will Specify where wee mention we have so little hopes of 'em that we Should have writ 'em quite of, had not the auditor Genll: order'd theire remaining twas the debt of our prest: merchts: wee advised of, and which had the factory been then withdrawn would great part have been irrecoverable.

As to Mr: Charles Fleetwoods debt wee referr yor: honr: &ca: to our Journall K folios 28 to 31 wherein his account is rightly Stated as Examin'd before Sr: John Goldsborough, Presidt: Higginson &ca: and which is all the account wee can give yor: honr: &ca: thereof.

When wee advised yor: honr: &ca: of our receiveing the match, Bale ropes &ca: from the Benja: wee then likewise advised we Should await ye: Directions for their disposeall wch: being now recd: Shall be comply'd wth: and our reason for not Sendg: the bales ℔ the Humphrey and Charles you will find in ours of the 30th: January to which referr.

The Sail cloth is not upon accot: of the present Contracts but the merchants old debt and there Shall be no more recd: thereof then its proportion.

Mr: Holcombe will relinquish the towns when his lease is expired thô with Submission we must affirm the renting of 'em has been of little advantage to our business as will appear when quitted by ye: many impedimts: our cloth will meet with from those little petty avaldars they will then come under to clear wch: it will likewise alsoe cost Some Small matter of Pishcashes as has been frequent formerly. According to your honr: &ca: order on the 18th: Inst: we mett and treated with Meida Cawn, our new Nabob who recd: us kindly and promised us our Affairs Should goe on in all respects to our content as in his predecessors time adviseing us he had heard of our fidelity to the King, the Respect Huckera Saib Show'd us and wch: he would rather exceed in then diminish and Soe giveing us Tasheriffs dismissed us, and as yet our affairs past as formerly, the amount and charge of our present to himselfe, two Sons &ca: may be in circa Pagodas 400: wch: wee hope your honr: &ca: will approve of.

Upon opening the chest of flint ware on that occasion wee found the looking glasses missing w$^{ch}$: wee Desire yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to inquire into w$^{th}$: you, wee enclose our last months account Cash and Remain.

*P.S.*—Wee cant carry on y$^{e}$: R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{s}$: business for want of factors provisions having neither Quills, Ink or paper therefore Desire yo$^{r}$: honour &c$^{a}$: to Supply us ℘ first oppertunity:

S: Holcombe.
S: Owen.
T: Stables.

R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$ &c$^{a}$:
Yo$^{r}$: Most humble Servants
Simon Holcombe.
Samuell Owen.
Thomas Stables.

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To the Hon$^{ble}$: Thomas Pitt Esq$^{r}$:
Presid$^{t}$: for Affairs of the R$^{t}$:
Hon$^{ble}$: East India Company on Y$^{e}$:
Coast of Cormandell West Coast &c$^{a}$: &
Governour of Fort S$^{t}$: George &c$^{a}$: Councill.

Crutanutte 7th March 1699/700.

Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:

No: 42. Rec$^{d}$: 24th: Aprill 1700. Our last to your hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: was by a ffrench conveyance, Since then after all Possible means to be used have Saved about 100 bales out of the East India Merchants Wreck, with Some of her guns and Rigging all the rest is lost, past hopes of recovery the S$^{o}$: west winds Setting in, and the wreck Sunck into the Sand.

On the 26$^{th}$: Ultimo the Josiah Sayl'd from Pipley road with a Gale at W. S. W$^{t}$: which continued about 8 or 9 days, Soe that we doubt not her passage, Pray God Send her Safely home being a rich Ship, her cargoe on board cost above 8 Laack of Rup$^{s}$:

This is the 7$^{th}$: of the month and the Antilope is design'd to be dispatch'd, within 7 or 8 days from Rungah fullah, Soe that twill be the latter end of this month before She gett clear of y$^{e}$: Sand.

S$^{r}$: E[d]ward Littleton hath not yett procured a Nishaan after the Expence of a Laack of Rupees in all Durbars, he hath gott a dustuck for y$^{s}$: years trade; copy of which we Send you, and think it is ill Pennd, believe the Prince will not give his Nishaan untill the Phirmaund comes from the king in case that doth not arrive Shortly, and there be a change in this Government by a new Subahs arrive—all the new people will have all their work to do over again.

By the Enclosed copy of S$^{r}$: Edward's Letter unto us and our answer yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: will know the reason why we Send copys of our Masters Phirmaund, Nishaan's Phirwannaes rec$^{d}$: from the Mogull his Princes and Subahs.

Having dispatcht all the Europe Shipping and there being a Ship and 2 Vessells here, we have Loaden the Ship with Provisions for Fort S$^{t}$: George as ℘ Captain Stillgoes bill of Lading and Invoice Enclosed amounting to Rup$^{s}$: 3104: 3$^{a}$: 5$^{p}$: which we hope will Safely arrive yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: She is a new Teak Ship well fitted, and Stored but shall have no occasion for her again being very crank, and will not shift well w$^{ch}$: is an unpardonable fault in a Vessell for our use, but may be proper for other Voyages, and being Disappointed from Surratt, we are building a Buoyer at Balasore about 70 (or) 80 Tonns.

We would have Sent Some wheat but tis not procureable; We call not more to mind but remaine.

*P.S.*—Enclosed comes a List of w$^{t}$: goods freighted on the Ruby, also an acco$^{t}$: of Stores belonging to her with mens wages rec$^{d}$: here.

J: B:
J: White.
R: Sheldon.
J: Russell.

Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:
Your most humble Servants
John Beard.
Jonath$^{n}$: White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

CHUTANUTTE 13TH: JANRY: 1699/1700.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
RT: HONBLE: ENGS: EAST INDIA COMPA:
ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL WEST COAST &CA:
GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

Honble: Sr: &ca.

Our last to yor: honr: &ca: was by Ship Benjamin copy of which comes Enclosed with Second Bill of Lading. Since then wee have dispatch'd the Sidney wth a Cargoe on board amounting to near 9 laack of Rupees, Pray God Send her a Safe arrivall to our masters. No: 43. Recd: 24th Aprill 1700.

Herewith comes Captain Erles Bill of Lading and Invoice of what Goods Shipt on board the East India Merchant amounting to rupees 348784: 9 a: 11 p: alsoe a List of what freight goods are on board; Wee beleive She will not be able to receive above 3 or 400 Bales at Madarass wch: ye: Governour advised the Agent he Doubted not to have ready for her.

Inclosed comes copy of a paragraph of the auditor Genlls. Letter to us wherein he advises too little freight was Receiv'd at Madarass for the Armenians Goods which came out on ye: Charle[s] the Second and Seems to blame this agency, but wee Say those goods although they came out on a Ship bound for the Bay, were obliged to bee put on Shoar at Madarass to Ameer Jaun, and therefore Sr: John Goldsborough ordered them to bee Sent up for Madarass on the Berkley Castle and if delivered to the Armenians without receiveing the full freight, the fault was not in the Agency, and must Still be recovered from Amer Jaun, who we are advised is an Inhabitant of Madarass.

Wee are now goeing forward to Lade Ship Josiah, and have near five hundred bales in the house, to be prized, 200 wee Expect from Cassimbussar Soe that wee have but 7 or 800 bales to Seek for, those we hope may be procured by the Latter End of this month to give the Ship her dispatch from Pipley by the 20th: of February, and wee expect goods of the finest Sort, Soe that we account the Josiah may be worth near 8 Laack, if Soe wee Shall bee Indebted to the country above 3 Laack, and wee find the new comers who talk of great matters, may have Some of that Small Stock they brought out rest on their hands, wee are their Superiours in court and country, our Interest is protected notwithstanding their boasts, and we will continue it, tho wth: Some Expence, Mutradass hath once mett with his match Some unkind persons or other continually placeing Obstacles in his way, his Designs blasted, his reputation Sunk, and the Redicule of the whole Province, as yet no news of the Expected ordr, from the Prince, to have a free trade althô: 35000 rups: hath been offered the Prince 15000 a Nuzaranâh to ye: Emperor and 20000 rups: Amongst the Muttsudies, 'tis Mr. Halsey &ca: their opinion that 15000 rups: more then what have been offered may procure it by the latter end of this month; they have bought Severall bale Goods which are ready packed in Merchants houses to be Shipt off when the order of or trade arrives by the best Account wee can learn they have not above 400, which they design on the Degrave for Metchlepatam expecting enough there provided by Consull Pitt to fill the Ship, and So Dispatch her from thence for England, In case they put all the Bales they have bought, and may provide of Buzzaree Goods, on board the Antilope, 'tis not unlikely but She may Sayle by the latter end of february but in case they designe the Bales they have ready on the Degrave from hence the latter end of this month, they will not be able to gett a cargoe for the Antilope untill the latter end of March, Soe that they both will be winter Ships.

The Redwood formerly Sent us is Shipt for England, and was forc't to buy Some here please to Send us So much, as will make charterparty proportion for So many Ships as wee Shall have orders to dispatch next yeare.

We Offerd to pay Mr: Meek the Ballance of Mr: Peachies account in case hee would give us a receipt According to the Enclosed Copy which he refuseing to doe, its left unpaid untill yor: honr: &ca: farther advices.

Menick chund an Eminent Shroff and our good friend desireing us to ℘mitt Allah Coolie Serv$^{t}$ : to Summunder Cawn Phousdar of Raychoor, with his necessarys to take passage on the East India Merchant for Madrass, we have assented thereto, and for his 6 Tucktas of Goods Rec$^{d}$: 50 rup$^{s}$ : into cash here for freight they being fine mulmulls &c$^{a}$: for great men at court aud Sealed with their Vacqueels Seal wee did not insist on their opening of them.

We would have Sent yo$^{r}$ hon$^{r}$ &c$^{a}$ Some wheat by this conveyance, but tis not procureable wee can't gett 14 Seer for a rupee to make bread with.

M$^{r}$ : Winder notwithstanding his promise to goe for England on the Sidney, and voluntary oaths, and Imprecations to Some of ourselves and others in the Factory is Slipt away and Entertained by S$^{r}$ : Edward one of that councill as wee are Inform'd.

We call no more to mind but rest.

Hon$^{ble}$ : S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$ :
Yo$^{r}$ : Most humble Servants.

John Beard.
Jona$^{A}$ : White.
Ralph Sheldon.

*P.S.*—Herewith comes Ship East India Merch$^{ts}$ : Charterparty.

There is two hundred and 15 Pepper Baggs which Captain Erle has not delivered us back, we desire yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : will please to receive them of him.

Idem
J : Beard.
J : White.
R : Sheldon.

Chuttanutee y$^{E}$ : 15$^{th}$ : Jan$^{RY}$ : 1699/1700.

*P* : *S*:—Just now is come to hand yo$^{r}$ : hon$^{rs}$ : &c$^{a}$. of y$^{e}$ 23$^{d}$: of November which mentions not the receipt of ours of the 26$^{th}$ : August sent to Vizagapatam ℘ Ship Humphrey and Charles and past Metchlepatam about the 23$^{d}$ : of September, wee hope the pacquett Arrived before the Dispatch of the Neptune Notwithstanding Notice is not taken of its Receipt.

Wee are glad you have Such a large quantity of Bales for the East India Merchant but She will not want much above half of them, had your advices arrived 4 or 5 days Sooner wee could have taken out 200 bales for the Josiah which would have quick[e]ned her departure the East India Merchant being dispatcht before the receipt of yours, would make no alteration however wee hope to lade the Josiah by the middle of next month.

Tis discoursed by them that come from Hugly that the D'grave will be comeing down the river for Metchlepatam about ten days hence, they haveing 4 or 500 Bales ready for her, 70000 rup$^{s}$ : expence with the Prince will procure his Dustuck for the new company's trade this year giveing Mutradass and other Security for paying custome in case they get not the Mogulls Phirmaund, aft$^{r}$: which the Prince promises his Nishaan, Soe that about 12 or 15 days hence after their money is paid, and the Dustuck firmed by the Prince, the new Companys trade will goe currantly on, this our Vacqueel advises from the camp. February will be Sett in before their Dustuck will pass at y$^{e}$ aurung's to bring in their Dadney Goods, Soe that it appears Improbable to us, the Antilope can Sayle before the middle of March, we call not more to mind but rest.

Yo$^{r}$. most hum$^{ble}$: Servants.
John Beard.
Jon$^{A}$. White.
Ralph Sheldon.

To THE WORSPLL: MR: JOHN BEARD. HUGLEY FEBRY: YE 1ST: 1699/1700.
MR: NATHL: HALSEY.
MR: JONA: WHITE.
MR: RALPH SHELDON.

Srs:

His Excellency Sr: Wm; Norriçe Lord E[m]bassador from the crown of England to the Emperor of Industan, being Safely arrived at Metchlepatam, and thence designing to ye court of said Prince at Visapoor, hath Signified the absolute necessity of his being possessed of all Such Phirmaunds Grants Priviledges freedome from customes and immunities the English nation ever Enjoy'd either in Bengall or elsewhere and that he may be furnished hence as far as our own Knowledge and ability reaches and what may bee procured from others that Soe he may endeavour the confirming and Secureing the Same, as also to be acquainted with what priviledges and advantages may be requisite (and yet wanting) for ye: better carrying on the trade and amity in these parts, in order to have'em procured alsoe, thereupon the Phirmaunds, Nishaans, Phirwanna's Grants &ca. which the English Nation have been possessed of being all (that remains) as I understand in yor: hands, Mr: Robt. Nightingale is Sent to you to receive such of them from you as you shall Deliver him with wt. Account also you Shall please to give him of the Immunities, Rights, Priviledges freedoms, which either from Grants or Customary prescripture use have belonged to, been exercised çlaimed, or enjoyed by the English Nation particularly as to Grants, Phirmaunds Neshaans Phirwanna's &ca: according to my own memory (if no failure be therein) there are two Phirwannas for free Trade to the English obtein'd about the year 1633, by Mr: Cartwright who first Settled in these parts Account the English, alsoe a Neshaan from Shah Sujah procured by Mr. Bowden a private Englishman for freedome of Trade to his countrymen, in all parts under the Jurisdiction of Sd : Prince and besides many others that preceeded the Same, there is a Phirwanna from Shastah Cawne or Emeer umbrah granted in the time of Mr: Walter Clavell as I take it, 1672; esteemed the best penn'd for our purpose of any till then, alsoe a Neshaan from Sultan Auzum the now Second Sonn of the present King obteined by Sr; Mathias Vincent Anno 1678 which was Soe full and well penn'd as all Since, it's Said have made it the Standard without alteration or addition as to matter of trade, a Phirmaund from the King was likewise granted about the year 1679-80 in time of Said Sr: Matthias Vincent who thereupon gott ye: 3000 rups; ₱ annum released, tho in truth the Said Phirmaund was Soe illpennd in favour of the English that Some, if not most were then of opinion it had been better Stiffled then produced and made use of, and perhaps its being pryd into by the Officers, was occasion of much trouble afterwards many other there were, to the year 1682 of all wch : a fair List was drawne out under Mr: Sowdens hands, and were in the office, when Sr. Wm. Hedges came, and all of 'em delivered to him according to Said List, what grants may have been Since I pretend not to much knowledge of, but diverse there are of which you are doubtless well acquainted, and have 'em in yor: possession, those before Specified I judge the most usefull of others, possibly it may be enough to have a List wth: ye: Names of the Graunts and time as may best bee knowne to you being in your hands, and you haveing been in the place long and under various circumstances may have knowledge of Some matters needfull to bee advised him, and insisted on, for the advantage of our nation and Trade, which may either not have come to our knowledge, or be in our thoughts at present, therefore if you Shall think fitt to acquaint us wth: any thing you think materiall in that pointe ye: Bearer will receive or take notice thereof from you and the Same Shall be transmitted to his Lordship in our memoriall Mr: Nightingale hath alsoe full powers and orders to acquaint offer and discourse you of any and every thing more that may present to bee needfull on this account.

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His Excellency alsoe further requires that notice be given to the Cheifs and Factors of the old Compa : that as he has the honr: to bear the publick Caracter of the King of Englands Embassador, Soe all Englishmen whatever in India or under

his care and protection, and that he will make it his care and endeavour to the utmost to redress 'em in all their Just Grieveances, or complaints, either in relation to the Mogulls Subjects, or amongst themselves upon application made in the behalfe and that he can admitt of noe application for redress elsewhere, then to himselfe, or Such Commissioned by his Majesty in their respective limits, under him for that purpose dureing his Stay in India in y$^{e}$: Said Character; and if any injuries hardships, or Injustice, Should be offer'd to 'em by any ℘sons whatever either in Discharge of y$^{ir}$: debts or any other Account they know whome they ought to apply to and Shall be redress'd w$^{th}$: all justice and expedition according to the utmost of his power this he would have them acquainted with that they may not plead ignorance, y$^{is}$: hath already in Some measure been notify'd to the Subjects of England in these parts and having experienced how much you are imbittered against his Maj$^{ts}$: Legall power and ministers, it's w$^{th}$: Some reluctancy that I have now acquainted you herewith but being his Lor[d]ships possitive orders I could not but fullfill it how much Soever it may bee Spurned at I take leave and Remaine.

Your most humble Servant

VERA COPIA. EDW$^{D}$: LITTLETON.

W$^{M}$: BUGDEN SEC$^{RY}$.

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CHUTTANUTTEE Y$^{E}$: 6$^{TH}$: FEB$^{RY}$: 1699/700.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: S$^{R}$: EDWAR$^{D}$
LITTLETON, KNIGHT.

S$^{r}$:

No: 45. Recd: ye: 24: Aprill 1700. Your hon$^{rs}$: of the ℘m$^{o}$: Ins$^{t}$: wee rec$^{d}$: by M$^{r}$: Nightingale, and observe that his Excellency S$^{r}$: W$^{m}$: Norrice is not of Yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: opinion w$^{ch}$: you mention'd in a former Letter Viz$^{t}$. That 'tis enough for you to come on the old footing, the antient Amity and Friendship, the Originall contract between y$^{e}$: two Crowns, but now wants Some of those Phirmaunds Nishaans, Phirwanna's &c$^{a}$: w$^{ch}$: our masters have obtein'd w$^{th}$: great fatigue and large expence, part you Knew in the time you had y$^{e}$: happyness to raise a fortune by their Service, and may guess at the cost of the other by what you have expended of your new Masters Stock, in getting a Dustuck under Security for this years business, We think it no more reasonable to deliver you our Masters Phirmaund, Nishaan &c$^{a}$: then to deliver you their cash, or bales, they are Priviledges bought with their money, and what they value themselves on as much as their goods, or Bullion for if they had not them now 'twould cost ℘haps a great deal more to procure them then yet it hath done, & wee Suppose your Masters will value their Stock on the foot of your account for gaining a Dustuck, or think their money ill bestowed. But Since all that is necessary to be done is at ℘sent with you Esteemed Lawfull to be acted, Pray why did not y$^{e}$: Embassador bring our Masters orders, to deliver them to him, or why hath he not Signified his want thereof unto us, what Satisfaction have wee that tis the Embassadors Orders that wee Should deliver our Masters unto the new companys President, whatsoever our opinion is in this matter whither 'tis reasonable the Embassador hath them or not, wee have no power to deliver them without the advice and order of the Govern$^{r}$: of Fort S$^{t}$: George to whom in these Affairs we are Subordinate and Therefore Shall Send copy of Yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: Letter to them for their Approbation and Assent before wee deliver anything moreover 'tis our present Intention to Send Authentic Copys of all the aforesaid Grants to the Governour and Councill of Madrass, by a Ship that we Shall Send Shortly thither Soe that if the Governour & Councill thinks Convenient on the Embassadors Demand they may deliver them to his Excellency in which they may be better Satisfyed 'tis his desire to have 'em, then as yet is made plain unto us, and if he hath them, the Import is not much whither delivered by the right hand or left.

Our Masters have advised of the Embassadors comeing out, if he Signifies any thing unto us how we Should deport our Selves under his Power, we Shall Thereon endeavour to give him all Immaginable Satisfaction.

As for what Dirt you fling in our faces little wee beleive will Stick and are.

S^r:
Your humble Servants.

Vera Copia.
W^m: Bugden: Sec^ry:

John Beard.
Nath^l: Halsey.
Jona^n: White.
Ralph Sheldon.

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Translate of a Dustuck Granted to S^r: Edw^d: Littleton by order of the Prince, Sultan Mahomod, Azeem, given under the Seal of his Duan, Allee Reza, for a Trade in the province of Bengala Dated y^e: 12^th: day of Rajebe in the 43^d: year of the Kings Reigne Anno Hedgero iiii January y^e: 26^th: Anno Christi 1699/700.

Dustuck to the Fousdars, Jaggeerdars, and all of y^e: Government und[er] Dhacca, Hugley, Cassimbuzar Ballasore, & Rajahmaule, &c^a: in province of Bẽgall. Know yee that the request of S^r: Edward Littleton Consull & President for the new English Company is to Settle Factories, and Cõmerce, in y^is: Province for that end he hath Sent a Vacqueell to procure the Kings Phirmaund, and is ready at present with y^e: Kings Duan to Settle his Piscash, and that now is the monsoon for his Shipping, Therefore he Requests and hopes the Prince will grant him an ord^r: to trade, and carry on his Business, It is therefore ordered that they Merchandise and Cõmerce in the Same method as The old Company do's in this Province with Satisfaction and that when his Piscash is agreed on and paid in, then he Shall have a Nishaan, this is therefore an order to you the Fousdars, Jaggeerdars &c^a: of y^e: Government that you don't any ways hinder them, or molest them in their Merchandize. N^o: 46. Rec^d: ye 24th Aprill 1700.

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List of the Pacquett to Fort S^t: George ℘ Ship Ruby.

N^o: 1. Bengall Gen^ll: Dated y^e: 7^th: March 1699/700.
2. Copy of D^o: by a french Ship Dated y^e: 29^th: Jan^ry.
3. Copy of D^o: by the East India Merchant Dat^d: 13^th: & 15^th: Jan^ry:
4. Second Bill of Lading of y^e: East India Merch^ts: Cargoe.
5. Invoyce and }
6. bill of Lading } of Shipp Rubys Cargoe.
7. Copy of S^r: Edward Littleton's letter to y^e: Ag^t: & Councill dated y^e: ℘ m^o: February 1699/700.
8. Copy of the Agent & Councills answ^r: to S^r: Edw^ds: letter Dated y^e: February 1699/700.
9. Copy of the Mogulls Phirmaund.
10. Copy of Sultan Sujahs Nishaan.
11. 2 Copys of Mahmood Azzeems Nishaan & Sultan Auzzums Nishaan.
12. Coppy and a Translate of a Dustuck granted to S^r: Edward Littleton by order of the Prince Sultan Mahmood Azzeem.
13. Account of Stores belonging to Ship Ruby and mens Wages rec^d: in Bengall.
14. List of ffreight Goods on Ship Ruby.
15. List of the Pacquett.

BOMBAY CASTLE MARCH Y$^{E}$ : 5$^{TH}$ : 1699/700.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$ : THOMAS PITT
PRESID$^{T}$ : FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R$^{T}$ : HON$^{BLE}$ :
ENG$^{S}$ : EAST INDIA COMP$^{A}$ : ATT MADRASS &C$^{A}$ : COUNCILL.

N° : 47. Rec$^{d}$ : y$_{e}$ : 26th Aprill 1700.

Our last to you was y$^{e}$: the 10$^{th}$ : 8$^{ber}$ : y$^{e}$ : next day wee rec$^{d}$ : yo$^{r}$ : originall lett$^{r}$ : of y$^{e}$ : 3$^{d}$ : & 5$^{th}$ : of June to whose coppy wee replied in our Last.

Yours Dated the 6$^{th}$ : of September we rec$^{d}$: the last of December at w$^{ch}$ : time President Colt & Councill Sent us a copy of yo$^{rs}$ : to them, w$^{ch}$ : informs us of the ill State of our Masters Affairs on y$^{e}$ : West Coast & of your preparations to remedy what is amiss, in which we heartily wish you Success; we have ꝑused also what you write concerning the vanity of M$^{r}$ : John Pitt & the order that you issued out thereupon.

M$^{r}$ : Harbin being on this Island we have fully Examin'd into the business in controversy between him and the owners of Ship Diamond that you recommend to our consideration & find y$^{e}$ : true State of that business to be as followeth.

The Com̄ander, and Supra Cargo of Said Ship not being able to exchange their Mamodies for Gold with any private Merchants in Gombroon, did impose upon M$^{r}$ : Harbins weakness So farr as to gett him to lett them have checqueens 13744 of the R$^{t}$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : Companys which lay ready at Gombroon to be Transported to us by the first Ship that Should arrive there this to Say no worse was not a good action and if the Gentlemen for their presumption, and to prevent the like evill for the future Should have Some fine Lay'd upon them, they would but have their desert, the madmoodies Mr : Harbin received of them when Charles the 2$^{d}$ : arrived, on which Ship the R$^{t}$ : Honourable Companys gold was to be Laden, he exchanged into Chequeens, but lost in the Exchange one Shahee on each Chequeen which loss the owners of the Diamond ought to bear and not the R$^{t}$ : Honourable Company for that it was the extraordinary importunity of the comm$^{dr}$ : and Supra Cargoe, that M$^{r}$ : Harbin lett them have their Gold, and this was alsoe a great benefit to the owners for that the Ship by this means Saild Severall months Sooner then else She could, another thing in which the forementioned M$^{r}$ : & Supra Cargo was guilty as M$^{r}$ : Harbin Affirms, was their imposeing on him to take off a quantity of their cargo of Sugar, for w$^{ch}$ : hee lett them have wine, and for w$^{ch}$ : wine he p$^{d}$ : about 224000 Shahees out of the Companys Cash, and by the Sale of Said Sugar Lost about 20000 Shahees, w$^{ch}$ : w$^{th}$ : the former Sume and charges that was incerted in M$^{r}$ : Bruces Account Sale near ballances the account of y$^{e}$ : 8 bales of Goods for which reasons we can't determine anything in Said Affair, till we have wrote to M$^{r}$ : Owen to know the truth of what M$^{r}$ : Harbin Alledges.

The benefitt that private Shipping receive at Gombroone of being excused from paying Custom Sufficiently compensates for their paying consulage.

M$^{r}$ : Sherrer in the Same manner imposed upon M$^{r}$ : Harbin as the formentioned ꝑsons Did and gott from him 6546 chequeens of the Companys in Exchange for Mahmoodies on which at the arrival of Charles y$^{e}$ : Second hee Lost 6546 Shahees in the Exchange w$^{ch}$ : Summ wee desire you'll cause M$^{r}$ : Sherrer to pay w$^{th}$ : interest into the R$^{t}$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : Companys Cash and that you will creditt our account Current for the Same.

The 15$^{th}$ : of Xber the Frederick arrived here with a Cargoe from our Masters amounting to £42,351 : 6$^{s}$ : 5$^{d}$ and wee hear of an Europe Ship at Gombroon which wee hope will prove the Rubie.

The 19$^{th}$ : of Jan$^{ry}$ : S$^{r}$ : Nicholas Waite Consull Generall for his Majesty and President for the new Company as he writes us arrived at Surratt barr's foot on y$^{e}$ : Mountague, one of the new Companys Ships the Norris another of their Ships being arrived there about Six weeks before what their Cargoe amounts to wee cant yett Learn S$^{r}$ : Nicholas acts much after the Same manner M$^{r}$ : John Pitt doth on your Side, breathing out nothing but Severe Threats against his old Masters Servants, and at his arrivall at Swalley barr Sent 40 Men with Captain Calliere,

and Captain Allison on Shoare at Swalley and Struck our Masters: fflagg of St: George that flieth there by Vertue of the Mogulls Phirmaund, but the Governour of Surat Officers & Peons Presently took it from them and hoisted it again threatning them that if they attempted again to Strike it, that they would Severely Punish the Actors, this hath put Sr: Nicholas into Such a frenzy that he Threatneth President Colt & Councill with ye: utmost Severity for contempt done to his Commission which requireth him as wee have heard to maintain all his Majts: Subjects in the free enjoyment of all the just rights, and Priviledges they have or Shall obtaine; he further Saith that he will have our Masters fflagg of St: George that flieth on Surat Factory by Virtue of the fore mention'd Phirm'd Struck thô it cost him 20,000 rups: Such is his Vanity, and pride, Disregard to his commission, and mallice to his old Masters, but ℘haps after all his fury he will not be able to accomplish what he Designes, he is gone up to Surat where it's Said the Governour will ℘mitt him to hoist the Kings fflagg but others Said ere he will be ℘mitted Soe to doe the Governour will demand Such a Security paper of him for the Security of the South Sea Navigation as our Masters President gave last year.

We dont conceive how Sr: Nicholas can lade either of his Masters Ships home this year without he will fill her up with cotton, Pepper and other gruff Goods of Small vallue, and less Proffitt at home.

The men of Warr are all at Suratt rivers mouth, were its thought they will remaine about one month, and then proceed to Madagascar and from thence home without (wee fear) effecting much of what they cheifly came out for.

The 10th: of Janry: the Northumberland Galley Sailed hence for England; the 5th: of the Past Month the Hampsheir followed, & the 17th: Ditto the Bedford, all three richly Laden their cargoes amounting to rups: 13,15,439. The Frederick we hope to dispatch by the Last of this month, wth: a cargoe not inferiour to theirs that are gone before her, God Sending those & ye: Ships from your Side Safe to arrive our Masters, their Creditt ℘haps will be raised to that degree, as to cause the huffs of the Servants of their competitors Soone to vanish.

Inclosed we Send copy of our Account current wth: you as adjusted in our books, which we desire may be compared wth: yor: books, and that you will advise whither you agree wth: us.

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: very Loveing Friends.

John Gayer.
Benjn: Stacey.
J: Burniston.
Enoch Walsh.
Willm: Aislabee.

Coppys of Mr: Sherers Accot: & affidavit we will forward to Mr: Owen our lettr: inclosed for ye: Agt: & Counll: at Bengll: we desire you will forward by first conveyance yt: offers.

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Fort St. David, May the 2d: 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt
President & Governour of the Forts St: George, & St: David
&ca: Councill in Fort St: George.

The petition of James Davis.

Humbly Sheweth

That yor: Pettitionr: dos with the greatest contrition of mind, Acknowledge the Gross Error committed on his part in the late quarrell between himself and Mr: Cranwell, and do's also acknowledge that yor: honr: &cas: Judgment, and anger against him, is most Just and deserved Your pettitioner begs leave to avouch that 'tis soe great an Affliction to him to be excluded yor: honrs: &cas: favour that it concerns him more then he is able to Express, and most humbly requests that as Justice, and Judgment are mingled with mercy yor: honr: will vouchsafe

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to lett him participate of the goodness of the latter by reinstateing him in your favour and good opinion which granted he will with all ardour endeavour to preserve and meritt the Same by behaveing himself So well and civily for the future, that he hopes your honr: &ca: Shall have noe reason to repeale this your great Act of Oblivion & forgiveness Your pettitioner dos earnestly beg your honour &cas: will please to give credence to his above mentioned promise and to bee Soe gracious to him as to grant this pettition which will oblidge him.

As in Duty bound ever to pray &ca:

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Fort St. David 7th: May 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt
President & Governour &ca: Councill of Fort St: George.

Honble: &ca:

N°: 49. Recd: ye: 11th: May ansd: ye: 24th: Ditto.

The 30th of the last past, brot: us your honrs: &cas: of the 27th: that month, to which wth: ye: former of the 28th: of March wee Shall in a Short time give full answer This being in hast is chiefly to advise yor: honr: &ca: the Progress wee have made wth: both Setts of Merchants in conformity to yor: orders for a new Investment in this Place wch: hath thus long been Delay'd by reason of their adjusting Accounts between themselves the death of one of their Joynt Stock merchants and other Superstitious ceremonys of their Solemne days that have intervened.

We Send the List of Goods Sent us proportioning the quantity's of ye: Severall Sorts you would have us contract for, is not ye: Same in all Perticulars with ye: Prices affixt to ye: Severall Musters wee recd: wch: ought to agree as two Tallys joyn'd, wch: we humbly conceive may have been an Error in the Secretary; for wch: reason we Send yor: honr: &ca: Coppys of Both So that for the more certainty wee have guided ourSelves by the Prices fixt to Soe many of ye: Severall musters, as our merchants can be perswaded to contract upon, as by the List we herewth: Send in wch: yor: honour &ca: may please to observe Yt the Betteela's of 50 covds: on the Same muster of the 40 Covds: our Merchants cannot be prevailed with to undertake and their reason is that pags: 43 the corge of 50 Coveds is not a price in proportion to pags: 36 the Corge of 40 Coved Betteela's of the Same fineness and goodness nor Can we induce them to undertake to provide the fine Sallampores N°: 20 at pags: 29 the Corge, nor Longcloth blue at pags: 33 ℔ Corge, which is the price Sett by the last Sent us, wch: wee apprehend may be a mistake because the Same list gives the like price of pags: 33 ℔ Corge for Longcloth ordinary white Soe yt: wee have agreed upon the Longcloth muster N°: 2 at pags 31½ ℔ Corge brown & must either agree wth: the Dyers or our Merchants for their dying of the appointed quantity into a deep blue, as you are pleased to order, and the like wee say for Salampoors wee cannot prevaile with our Merchants to bring them to abate anything lower then the prices we have Sett down, which is one with another 2¼ ℔ Cent lower than the muster prices, besides the 2½ ℔ Cent Land Custom and 1 ℔ Cent Dustore, upon the whole Investment and all this upon the former terms wee advis'd yor: honr: &ca: In the meantime wee request your honr: &ca: may please to hasten yor: answer to us, to the end that if it meets with yor: approbation we may goe on to deliver out the Broadcloth to ye: Merchants and to concurr with them by all the endeavours we can on our part, to enable them to the fulfilling and finishing this Intended Investment by the 25th: or 30th: of August next, wch: limitted time necessitates us to be Soe urgent wth: your honour &ca: for a Speedy answer, because the Merchants Say if one day is lost now it can't be retreiv'd, the Season being Soe late they are also very importunate wth: us, for what remains due to them (as they Say) upon their Last contract, wch: wee Shall know and Send your honr: &ca: So Soon as the Accomptant hath adjusted and made up their Accounts which he is now with the Merchants busy about, which money when they have recd: they promise to add of their own money, as much as may be Sufficient to engage the weavours and employ the loomes to ye: makeing all the Sorts of cloth which they obleige

themselves to provide at the Severall rates & Prices wee now Send, if approv'd and comfirm'd by yor: honr: &ca: if not wee can do no more.

Againe the Said Merchants upon the Supposition yt: they and wee do contract on the Terms aforesaid doe request that one Peice, or one half peice of each Sort of ye: musters, that have been Sorted to the head musters may be Sent as for their view and yt ye: Honble: President would be Pleased to write to Jemser Cawn that there may be no stops or hindrance in bringing in the Rt: Honble, Companys Cloth from Woorian and the other Countrys to the So:ward where they are made And Lastly that yor: honr: &ca: would please Strictly to prohibit your Madrass Merchants or other Native Inhabitants of Madrass, not to Send here to these parts any Europe Cloth to be Sold, or any other ways to be disposed of in barter for other goods; wch: wee pray yor: honr: &ca: may be done, because wee have promisd the Same to our Merchants as being no more then what is past and reasonable.

Wee have this day drawn upon yor: honr: &ca; two bills of Exchange one bill for Pags: 89 payable in 3 days after Sight, to the Worspll: Thoms: Marshall Esqr: Judge Advocate, the other bill for pags: 554: 26: 20 payable in Six days to Mr: John Affleck Merchant for the like amount of two Sums paid into the Rt: Honourable Compa: Cash here, by the Deputy Governour.

Wee Send your honr: &ca: Coppys of the Deputy Governours Letters to Surup Sing Governour of Chingee and to the Waccanaviss and Ramagee Gunnys relateing to the Renters that have been our Inhabitants ever Since this place was purchased by the Rt: Honourable Compa: of whom we Shall write more large in our next, as we have promised wch: is all that offers on this present occasion but yt: we are always,

Honble: &ca:

Yor: honrs: &ca: most Obedt: humble: Servtts:

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd: Mountague.
Ri: Farmer.
Tr: Games.
Robt: Cranwell.
J: Berlu.

*P.S.*—Wee pray yor: honr: &ca: may be pleas'd to advise us ye: lowest rate you would have us put of our Aurora's to ye: Merchts: they being much more willing to accept of ye: broadcloth ordry: at ye: price we have Sett upon itt Vizt: Pags: 16 ℘ peice.

W.F.
R. J:

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List of the pacquett.

No: 1. Generall Letter dated the 7th: May 1700.

2. A List of the goods agreed upon, between the Deputy Governour and Councill, and the Cuddalore Merchts: on Saturday last ye: 4o: Inst: and enterd in Consultation Yesterday to ye: amount of 20000 pagodas.

3. Do. with Eram Rauze, Gunnapa Chittee &ca: to the Amot: of pags: 10201½.

4. Coppy of Eram Rauze &ca: Merchants Contract made ye: 3d: Aprill 1699 for one third of pags: 63000 being 21000 pags: all in money payment; to Shew ye: differences of the prices then, and that now agreed on.

5. Coppy of the List of Goods proportion'd to ye: Several quantitys of Cloth to be Contracted for Sent here wth: the Genll: Letter Dated ye: 28th: March last.

6. Coppy of the numbers and prices affixt on ye: Sevll: Musters Sent from Fort St: George.

7. Coppy of the Deputy Governrs: Letters to Ramajee Gunnys and Mahomett ye: Waccanaviss.

8. Do. to Surup Sing.

9. List of the packquett.

FORT ST: DAVID, MAY YE :12TH : 1700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR.
GOVERNR : OF FORT ST GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL.

No: 50. Recd: May ye: 15th: 1700 answd: 24th Do: This is onely to advise that this morning between the hours of 9 and 10 came to anchor here in the road of Tevenapatam Capt: Thomas South Commander of the Chamber ffrigot belonging to our Right hon: Company who Sailed from the Downes about the 29th: of November last for Cadiz and from thence on the 4th: of January last being 4 mons: 8 days bound directly for Bengall and has upon him 50 chests of Treasure 60 Tonn of lead anchors &ca: Navall Stores the King William Capt: Braddyle Commandr: at Cadiz was ready to Sayle in 2 days after him for your port with a 100 Chests of Treasure, but Capt: South beleives because he dos not remember to have heard that there is not any woolen manufacture on board the King William, Captain South has 40 barrells of red lead & 20 Chests of Glass ware on the Companys account but no more navall Stores then the aforesaid Anchors There comes out for the bay on our masters Account on the Fame Captain Brown commandr: Sr: Charles Eyres late agent, and now President of Bengall The Colchester Captain Rouse of 500 Tonn and the Howland 400 Tonn, Capt: South is not certaine whether for yor: port or the Bay or both, The Ann Capt: Bridges for this Side. The Tavestock Captain Jones and the Martha for the other side, Captain Hide on the Dorell and Captain Sacks on the Wentworth of 350 Tonns both bound for China, and the Eaton Frigot on the new Companys Account Mr: Catchpole Cheif &ca: to Settle att Lempo in China.

Captain Kid the late Grand Piratt is taken in new England and there kept in Safe Custody to be Sent to England by order of Parliamt:

The Captain is to Stay here 24 hours to refresh and take in water having Stoped no where from Cadiz hither It is now a Genll: peace all over Europe, the king of Spain in good health, but the king of Denmark is Dead and his Son Succeeds him in the Throne which is all at present on this occasion but that I am,

Hon ble: &ca:
Your honrs: &ca. most Obedt: humble: Servtt:
WILLIAM FRASER.

*P.S.*—Captain Aprice Commandr: of the Madrass Frigot Sailed out of the Downes with Capt: South bound for the West Coast directly and thence home for England.

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VIZAGAPATAM APRILL YE 28TH 1700.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDT : & GOVERNR: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT:
HONBLE: ENGSH: EAST INDIA COMPA : &CA : COUNCILL.

Rt: Honble: &ca:

No. 51. Recd: May ye: 18th: 1700. Our last was of the 31st: Ultimo Since wch: haveing been hond: wth: none from you This Serves cheifly to accompany the Bengall packquett just now recd: and to advise yor: honr: &ca: of the revolutions of this Country which are considerable, most or all the Sardars, and Rajahs, refuseing to pay obedience to our new Nabob, and are up in Arms against him, and have Impeeded all travaling, by keeping Mettees all along the country, Soe that trade and all correspondence is at a Stand, but by our cheifs good understanding wth: the Rajahs &ca: as well as Moor's our Peons pass freely on all occasions and our cloth comes in as formerly, but neither the Dutch or any of the natives or others enjoy the priviledge or can upon the most urgent occasion Send a peon or letter a league into part of the country.

On the 18th: here happen'd a more dreadfull Storme from the No: East which lasted 3 days and did much damage to the country and the Sea was so boystrous and came in at the rate that most of the rivers overflowed, and Struck a great

terror in the Inhabitants that the country would be drown'd, all vessells in the Sea along this coast were lost and many in the rivers by the force of the current and tides, and Mr: Holcombes Ship Fleetwood bound for Bengall, with a large grab that was in our road, was drove a Shoar and Stav'd but thro' Gods mercy most or all the goods Saved wth: the greatest part of the wreck.

Wee enclose our last mons: accott. Cash and remaine.

Honble: &ca:
Yor. most humble Servants
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMAS STABLES.

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CHUTTANUTTEE YE 12TH OF MARCH 1700.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT: &CA: COUNCILL.

Srs:

The forgoeing is copy of what wrote by Ship Ruby Since then nothing of moment offers. No: 52. Recd: ye: 18th May 1700.

Your honrs: &ca: takeing no notice of ours of the 26th: & 28th: Augt: fear did miscarry wherefore Send a Second time account current Fort St: George as it Stands in our Books R.R. commencing Aprill ye: 30th: 1699 we are.

Srs:
Yor: most humble Servts:
JOHN BEARD.
JONAN: WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

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LIST OF THE PACKETT TO FORT ST: GEOR: OVERLAND.

No. 1. Bengall Genl. dated ye: 12th: March
2. Account: Currantt out of Books RR
3. Journall parcells out of Books RR
4. List of the Packquett.

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TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDT: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: GEORGE.

SURATT YE: 4o: APRIL 1700.

Our last to your honr: &ca: was ye 25th: Xber Since which have recd: no further advices from you therefore for the present have not much to insist on more then in brief to advise you the most materiall occurrences that have Since happen'd in relation to our huffing public minister and consull Generall Sr: Nicholas Waite President for the new compa: who arrived us the 19th: January whereupon, he begun like the rest of his fraternity on your coast thinking thrô his vanity and unbounded pride to have either by fair means or foul crusht us at once by the precipitate rash measures he took as in part confirm'd by the two enclosd relations, wherein finding himself disapointed he to this day has not been wanting in his indefatigable endeavours in doeing us all the mischeif he can possibly invent, either by means of the Government or callumniateing our Masters and us at pleasure all which thrô our repeated good fortune has rather redounded to his own Shame then ours insomuch that wee know nott as yett wherein he has much reason to boast, but Such is his vanity that notwithstanding he Still breaths ou[t] great t[h]reats against us and that more particularly in takeing out of all Ships that any of his may meet with all English and Such more immediately as belong to us that have not his pass or protection, but by what power, or warrent unless by that of No: 53. Recd: ye: 21st May 1700.

consull we know not, but Such in his hautiness that therein he Seems resolute in doeing us what mischeif he can thô we are of opinion he dare not in a hostile manner attempt it however, we are makeing the necessary provision in defence of ourselves and Estates wherein we hope in Some measure at least to frust[r]ate his premeditated malice, and honourably to maintain our ground to the honour and interest of our masters if in the interim we have not the desired and wisht for news of a happy Union between the two companys, as at present by late advises arrived in y[e] Rook Galley, belonging to the new company, there Seems something a prospect of, by the differences on both Sides being brought in the kings absence in Holland, before the Lords Justices that at times have both Joyntly, and Seperately Sent for the two companys perswadeing them to a Speedy Union So that 'twas Generally conjectured in August last when She came out that a Speedy Coalition would ensue ere the next Sessions of parliament which by overland advices wee may reasonably expect Something of a better confirmation of, which [God] Grant to the lasting honour and interest of our nation that otherwise must inevitably Suffer and be of pernicious consequences to both, in company of the aforesaid Galley, came out belonging to our Masters the Loyall Merchant that as yet with the long expected Ruby to Persia we have no advice of the Bedford and Hampsheir were both rich laden and dispatch'd from Bombay time enough wee hope to Save [their] passage about the Cape, the latter the last January and former the 17[th]: February the Frederick is also on her dispatch hence and Should any other of our expected Shipping Speedily arrive we may very probably a little more or less be able to accomplish near one Ships lading more, whilst our adversaries for want of goods cant hardly this Season dispatch one unless it be with meer rubbish which S[r]: Nicholas Seems resolved in rather then fail by his designing home the Norris, the Montague on freight to Persia, and Rook Galley to China, and by his working Seems almost to be in a frenzy, Sticking at nothing, whereby any ways to promote his unlimitted pride and ambition, The Kings union fflagg althô on any occasion wee are well assured he cant protect it, was hoisted on his house the 22[d] past Commodore Littleton in the Anglesey with the Hastings & Lizzard Set Sail hence the 18[th] past for S[t]: Lawrence in quest of the pirates and the Harwich Cap[t]: Cock he left here in order to proceed to the South Seas So farr as Malacca, and thence to meet the others at their rendezvous aforesaid, w[ch]: is w[t]: at present can call to mind worthy Your notice wee are.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Yo[r]: most hum[ble]: Servants.
STEPHEN COLT.
E: BENDALL.
JOHN ROBINSON.
THOMA: SOMASTER.
NEW[A]: GARNETT.

*P.S.*—The Northumberland Galley was also dispatch'd towards our Masters in Dec[r]: last richly laden as indeed all our Shipping have been this year to y[e] comp[s]: great hon[r]: & mortification of y[ir]: competitors.

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No. 54. Recd. ye. 21st May 1700. The 24[th]: of January 1699/700. Wee the Subscribers being yesterday appointed by the President and Councill of Surat for affairs of the Governour and Company of merchants of London tradeing to the East Indies to deliver a letter to S[r]: Nicholas Waite on board the Montague, we went on board the Said Ship this day and delivered it to him, as Soon as he had rec[d]: it and read the Superscription, he Objected against it, because his due titles as he S[d]: were not given him & S[d]: he would not read it however broke it open & find[g]: y[t]: w[th] in his titles were not expressed he laid it down in a passion after he had read the first Short paragraph and declared he would never read it till his due titles were given him the above Said Letter was from S[r] John Gayer and councill.

Then he caused the copy of a Lr̃e from him to the President and councill at Suratt, which he wrote them yesterday to be read w[ch]: was an answer to one they wrote him the day before, & an order to them to Strike S[t]: George's fflagg which is flying from the English choultry within the compound att Swalley.

Hee told us also that he intended to come into the hole in Ship Montague the next day and when he did come in he was resolved to Strike the abovemention'd ffiagg Thomas Somaster expostulated the matter with him and endeavoured to Shew him how many inconveniencies would accrue thereby not only to us the old East India Comp[a]: but to the Nation and to themselves, but nothing workeing to alter his resolution Thomas Somaster desired him to deferr bringing in the Ship till the 26[th]: which request he refuseing to grant, Thomas Somaster told him we must then repair to Suratt and acquaint the President and Councill with what had past, and accordingly would return with our answer.

Thomas Somaster prest S[r]: Nicholas to Shew him his Commission of Consull Generall which he at first refused to do but at last took it out of a box that Stood by him and Shewed it us at a distance and afterwards Spread it on the table and permitted Thomas Somaster to read it the middle part of it onely excepted which requires him to aid and assist the Kings Subjects and to procure protect and maintaine all the rights and priviledges which they have or Shall require from time to time without violation or infringments upon which part he laid his two hands and covered it, but at last after much pressure permitted him to read the whole commission throughout.

Thomas Somaster.
Jan[ry]: 25[th]. Francis Terne.

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Wee whose names are underwritten being appointed by the President and councill to waite on S[r]: Nicholas Waite with a letter from them in answ[r]: to his and the message brought from on board the Montague by us the Mountague being just come into Swalley hole we went on board and being introduced to S[r]: Nicholas delivered Said letter w[ch]: he receiveing and looking on the Superscripsion he Objecting Said that he was not titled according to his commission he being publick minister as well as his Majestys Consull Generall and for y[t]: reason would not read it, but persisted in his resolution of Strikeing the ffiagg at the English choultry at Swalley, upon which Thomas Somaster replyed that if there was any defect in the Superscribing Said letter that it was his fault and not the President and Councills for that when the commission was read to him yesterday that part of publick minister did slip his observation and insisted upon Seeing the commission againe which being agreed to and S[r]: Nicholas found Soe intitled Thomas Somaster overli[n]ed it, upon w[ch]: the letter was broke open and order'd to be read by M[r]: Lock Secretary in the presence of S[d]: S[r]: Nicholas, M[r]: Benjamin Thewse, M[r]: Brooke, M[r]: Thomas Lucas, Thomas Somaster and Francis Terne which when done S[r]: Nicholas was angry and called Captain Culier and told him that he Should Send for Captaine James Allison and they together with fourty men to repair forthwith to the choultry and pull down immedi[ately] S[t]: Georges Flagg Thomas Somaster interposeing Said that it was a matter of great consequence and required mature deliberation and that for these reasons first it was the Mogulls ground and the ffiagg hoisted by vertue of phirmaunds from the Severall Mogulls to this time as likewise that it was contrary to the present act of parliam[t]: which had Setled the new and continued the old Comp[a]: to trade as formerly without impediment and also contrary to his commission as his Majestys publick minister and Consull Generall for Surat, which required him as such to aid and assist protect, procure, and maintaine all his Majestys subjects in the Mogulls Dominions in their rights and priviledges and that of weareing a ffiagg was none of the least, and againe whether it was not necessary for him to consider whether this might not be resented by the Mogull that he Should presume to Strike a ffiagg (which by his order was flying) without his Licence so to do, and thereby not onely bring detriment and disgrace upon the old comp[a]: but also upon the nation in Generall whose hon[r]: he came or it was intended hee Should come, to retreive and instead of makeing his way plainer and more facile he would make it more rugged and difficult to y[e]: great injury of the Gentlemen of the new Comp[a]: who reposed a trust in him Thomas Somaster desired againe S[r]: Nicholas not to be too hasty, but

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that the letter might be read againe, for as much as when it was read before the noise of Guns firing from the Montague had hindred in Some measure the well heareing S^d^ : letter and consequently the understanding thereof which at last he Said Should be done, but he would Shew the company how candidly he had treated us, and orderd all had passed in writing to be read which was done.

S^r^ : Nicholas was much offended that S^r^ : John Gayer had not lodged his Lres att Suratt acknowled[g]ing him at his arrivall, it was answerd it could not be expected, Since we had no certaine advice thereof from England.

About three in the afternoon M^r^ : George Bowcher brought a letter or Lres from Surat to S^r^ : Nicholas and further told him that we had been at the Gov^rs^ : last night acquainting him that there was a design to take down the fflagg and that we had sent down locks barrs &c^a^ : to the choultry in order to make opposition all which was peremptorily denyed, nevertheless S^r^ : Nicholas beleiveing it told us that if any Such thing was it being detrimentall to Kings authority and his commission and he would Send us home in irons to answer the Same.

He noted down our insignificant table expressions altho he nor those present could tell what to make of the Same, and when writ and desired to be read were denyed by the persons charged, which caused him to call the whole company for witnesses thereto.

S^r^ : Nicholas declared Severall times that he would not trifle as the Gentlemen in England concern'd in the proceedings of the two comp^as^ : had done, and that he was come to do business and would goe through, w^th^ : it.

He allso declared that he was commissionated by King and parliament to enquire into the debts of the old company, which power he had not resolved to have used had we given complyance with candid requests (as he called them) but Since we had not he was resolved to have us Summoned before the Governor of Surat and thereto have the true State of our accounts brought in and would require of the Governour whether any more demands were on us from any of the Subjects of the Mogull.

Captain Allison being come he repeated to him and Captain Culier, what before Said to Captain Culier alone and threatned them if they durst to refuse it, but they, requireing an order from under his hand for there So doeing, he instantly retired into his own lodging Soon, and there went about it, M^r^ : Thomas Lucas goeing in unto him Severall times.

When the Said orders were finished S^r^ : Nicholas desired Captain Hudson and us the Subscribers to go upon the quarter deck for Sometime and he would call for us againe in less then a quarter of an hour, in which time he held a consultation, with Mess^rs^ : Lucas, Thewse Brookes Bowcher and the two captains, we were called down and being Sea[t]ed S^r^ : Nicholas Said M^r^ : Thomas Somaster I make you my prisoner here and you M^r^ : Terne as being deputed in this Message, and Captaine Hudson you are likewise my prisoner for I Suppose you are here on the Same account at the Same time calling Captaine Culier Said I command you not to let these goe, or Stir out of the Ship.

Upon which was urged the right of persons in treaty, and as Such we ought to be lookt on to be, haveing at first been Sent down from Suratt, with a letter to him by order of the Generall S^r^ : John Gayer and after haveing had conference with him were returned to Suratt, and according to his desire return'd with answ^r^ : to his Commands and as in times of the cruellest and most bloody warrs persons with power to treat have liberty on both Sides to pass and repass without Stop or hindrance but all Signified nothing we were detained.

The Commander haveing been Sometime gone & gott a Shoar att Swalley, one came into the Cabbin and told him that the fflagg was Struck at which he Seem'd extreamly pleased, & wee being ready to take leave of him, were standing, but immediately came in another message the Flagg was hoisted again, at w^ch^ he seem'd to be in a consternation, yet forced himself to Say he wo'd Send a Shoar again and have it down notwithstanding.

He was angry that the people of y^e^ : old ffactory had not waited on M^r^ : Thewse the day before to y^e^ : Government, Thomas Somaster answerd that So

farr as we were given to understand that ye: business of goeing there was to acknowledge him to be kings publick minister & Consull Genll: in Suratt, & we never nor none of our people having Seen his commission thought it would have rendred us little in the Eyes of the world to have gone and in So publick manner have attested yt: of which we were not thoroughly assured.

THOMAS SOMASTER.
FRANCIS TERNE.

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TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDT: &CA: COUNCILL — FORT ST: GEORGE, MAY YE: 10TH: 1700.

In obedience to yor: honrs: &ca: commands I do here answer the unjust complaints of Mr: Harbin, relateing to the imposition he pretends upon him by the commander and Supra cargoe of Ship Diamond to the prejudice of ye: Right Honble: Company. No: 56 Presented ye: 22d: May 1700.

I do not remember to have Exchang'd any mamoodies into chekeens with Mr: Harbin, or if we did 'twas an inconsiderable number, neither did all ye: dealing we ever had with him amount to half ye Summe mentioned in the Generall letter from Bombay, As for what Goods we Sold him we contracted to be paid in Gold; upon the receipt of which we made no Enquiry whose it was, or where he had it, that not being our business, and the Rt: Honble: Comps: money is not different from any other.

The Sugar we Sold Mr: Harbin we were So farr from pressing him to take that wee had agreed to leave it behind to be Sent up to Ispahaun on account of the owners, but that he offer'd to take it, wee abateing him 10 Shahees on each bale of ye: price that we had Sold to the merchants at wch: wee agreed to, and what he Says to his letting us have wine for Said Sugar is as false as the rest of his weak excuses for Embezelling his masters cash, for the wine is not the companys but the linguisters and I can Produce the account Stated & ballanced with him for all the wine we had in the Ship without any relation either to the Rt: Honourable Compa: or Mr: Harbin.

So with Submission to yor: honr: &ca: I think the owners of the Diamond cannot acquiesce in their Just Demands of their effects nor yt: their Goods Should be detained upon Such groundless pretences, without any proofe of wt: Mr: Harbin Soe idelley alledges.

Yor: honrs: &ca: most
Obedt: humble: Servtt:

J. LISTER.

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TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT PRESIDT: & GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCILL OF FORT ST: GEORGE. — FORT ST: DAVID, MAY THE 29, 1700.

Honble: &ca:

On the 15th: Inst we recd: into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash of Captain Thomas South, pagodas 550 for which we gave two bills of Exchange both of one and the Same tenr: and Date, drawn upon yor: honr: &ca: payable in ten days after Sight to the Honble: President. The Chamber Frigott Sailed hence the 16th: Inst: in the morning for Bengll: to which port (by his orders), he was directly bound, without touching at yors: as formerly advised yor: honr: &ca: by the Deputy Governour. No: 57. Recd: ye: 3d: June 1700.

We have with all patience thus long awaited yor: answer to ours of the 7th: currant relateing to ye: Investment which at last is come and we received yesternight but least it Should be inverted to us, as having two of yours of the 28th: March & 27th of Aprill to which we have been thus long Silent, both of them are now before us, & Shall endeavour to answer, as followeth:

To the 2d: Paragraph of that of the 28th: of March Mr: Haynes on the 23d: Instant produced to us in councill, his answer to the Severall Journall entries

in the Bengall books which charges or alleadges him indebted to the Rt : Honble : Company Rupees 1992 : 12 : 3 and with his answr : his Account Currant which makes the honble : compa : indebted to him Rupees 1396 : 3 : 4 : which if right, the case is much altered & Mr : Haynes as much wrong'd ; his Said answer wth : the Account Currant comes herewith.

As to the pile of papers relateing to both padrees we are not very Solicitous whether they are or are not read, Since with Submission we apprehend our Selves to be prejudged, notwithstanding any matters contain'd in Said papers but this we are free to Say, as if we were to take the Sacrament, yt : far be it from us to be any waies byassed or mislead by prejudice in matters of Justice and right Judgmt : which Shall alwaies be the mark of our aim according to the best of our understandings. But we must Say and tell it as a truth yt : padre Gulielmus committed a great trespass upon the laws and rules of hospitality to one as entertaind him Soe freely as Padre Paulo de Saa did at his first comeing and then a meer Stranger to the place and people here but to gett out of this Argument which has held pro & con So long between yor : honr : &ca : and us, we have on the 23d : Instant placed Padre Gulielmus as we found him before he was changed, for a better ; and is now possessed of both churches, Cuddalore and Tevanapatam ; mean time we Send yor : honr : coppy of his commission, Anno 1695 to be compared with a certificate of his, Sent to Manilla, copy of which wee likewise Send.

The preamble to our Generall Lre to the Rt : Honble : Company was more adapt to have been Sent by the Neptune then the Benjamin ; yet we must come to your Gate before we enter the hall thô we must confess it is no news at noonday to Say ye : Sun is rizen, which we Shall mend in our next.

Wee have not in all the Garrison a Soldier that writes So much as a tolerable hand, to assist our Secretary, for which reason we renew our request to yor : honr : &ca : that we may be Supply'd timeously wth : Some hands to bring up the writeing work which is so much behind-hand, and prevent any failure in Sending home coppys of our consulations by the next Shipp.

The Godowns mention'd to belong to ye Dutch merchants proves to be true, as formerly advised but to Such of them as Seems to be much in arrear to the Dutch Company for which reason they have been a long time, and Still are detained at Negapatam ; and we hope to accommodate the matter in a fair and easier manner wth : Senr : Brunt who resides at Tevenapatam for affairs of the Dutch company the Account of which we Shall advise yor : honour &ca : by our next.

Wee have Supplied our Selves out of the Chamber Frigott, with about 40 rheam of Genoa Small paper, which is pretty good of its Sort, but Somewhat narrow at pagodas 1¼ ℘ rheam, but we Shall want book paper Quils, Tape &ca : therefore pray we may be remembred So Soon as you are Supplied from England mean time if any of our Small paper may be usefull to you, please to advise us and we Shall Spare what conveniently wee can.

The Deputy Governour acknowledges to have receiv'd a Letter from the Honourable President dated the 9th : February last, by the hands of Captain Hugonin, reciteing the perquisites promised to be allowed Said captain and his pay to be ye : Same, equall with Captain Seaton : and a tub of punch with Some roast beef to be given the Souldiers for yr : good Service in the time of Selimon Cawns troubles concerning all which he would write me more at large after the departure of the Benjamin, which are the words that concludes that paragraph in the Sence of the latter part the Deputy Governour thought it prudent in him to Stand Still, where the honourable president Stopt, in expectation of [yor: ] honrs : fa[r]ther orders after the departure of the Benjamin as promised till when the paymaster was desired to keep an accott : of the runaway's pay till farther orders from the honourable President and it was then promised by the Deputy Governour to Captain Hugonin, that he Should have the runaways pay, from that time forward that the paymaster took an account of the Same He was likewise promised to have the like pay as Capt : Seaton has, So Soon as the Deputy Governour was certyfyd by the Honourable President what the Same was, which his honrs : particular letter did not mention till now that we have it in the Generall of the

28th: March to which we Shall humbly answere in its proper place & to the end that Captain Hugonin might have patience, the Deputy Governour did at the Capts: request Speak to the paymaster and allow him the pay of an other Servant besides the one Servant that he always had allowed him So that Captain Hugonins neat pay to himself is pags: 14 and pags: 2 & 26: Madrss: fanams for both his Servants, wch: is pagodas 16: 26 ℔ mensem, besides his perquesites which Shall now be paid him, and dead men's pay was never detained, though he Said that all was taken and thô: Capt: Lesley that Served the Honourable Company Sevll: years here in the like post as Captain Hugonin Dos, had no more then pagodas 13: 6 fanams and one Pagoda allowed him for a Servant ℔ mensem Tho he endeavoured for more as Captain Hugonin dos, but could never obtaine it, Notwithstanding all that has been Said Captain Hugonin could not be contented, unless he had likewise allow'd him the pay of all those that had run away hence in August and September last, thô it was agreed & ordered in Consultation that yir: pay Should be appropriated (Soe far as it could goe) to the makeing of Six silver Spoons and one Small: Salt, which Some whom we know had Stole out of the Buttery in July last, as we found by its being broke open in the night upon the whole and with Submission the Deputy Governour, humbly conceives for the reasons aforesaid, he hath not misregarded the Honourable Presidents Letter, and now that the Generall Letter is Soe plaine in this point, it Shall perfectly be complyed with and we hope it may not [be] accounted a fault in those that are weak if they doubt in Some mattrs: not within the Horizon of their undertanding, mean time we request to know whether Captain Seaton's 16 pagodas ℔ mon: includes Servants wages or not and what yor: honr: &ca: are pleas'd to Say that the officers are to look upon it as a favour from the Governour & not their undoubted right, yet by the continuance of it to them they expect it as much as if the Same were their due right, with or without the Governours favour, else why Should they insist So much upon it. The Deputy Govr: remembers that when the Generall table was taken away, and reduced to dyett money, Captain Hugonin was very earnest to perswade Captain Davis to Sign wth: him in a joint letter to the honble: President to have their dyett money allowed them; but Captain Davis wod: not agree to it which thô: he was the younger man, yet Shewed himself wiser then the other and it will be found a hard matter to reduce our Souldiers to the Same pay of Yours at the Fort, which is 91 fanams and ours 100.

We Shall not Say anything in derogation to Captain Hugonin where he is praiseworthy in the time of Selimon Cawn's trouble, in wch: he acted his part as others did, and all did very well, in wch: time of troubles the honourable Comps: covenant Servtts: did by night and by day, on foot on horseback equally expose themselves to the Same danger & hazard of yir: lives as any of the [mi]llitary officers did, thô no mention has been made of them lett Captain Hugonin deny this, or prove the contrary if he can.

Herewith comes the councills paper relateing to the [s]ortment So much complained of, to which the Deputy Governour hath little more to Say then what he hath already Said in a Genll: Letter dated ye: 8th: of September last, to wch: he humbly refers but observes that the contract made in Aprill 1699 with the 2 Setts of merchants to the amount of pags: 63,000 hath not been drawn up to that exactness as to have made the prices and abatements upon the Sevll: Sorts of goods in Such proportion as they come nearer, or fall more under their respective musters, as it ought to have been done, besides in the contract their is no long Cloth under No: 2 X below wch: at Madrass you have No: 1 & No I + & your No: 1 is often better then 2 + here. Again the Betteelas of 40 & 50 coveds wch: has always been both the Same price, yet in Sd: contract it is not Soe as yor: honr: &ca: may perceive by a coppy Sent in our last packett.

We humbly thank yor: honr: &ca: for the acceptance and payment of all our Bills you mention we have drawn upon you.

What yor: honr: &ca: Say as to the Ticketts of our bales being Sign'd by two or 3 hands to one and the Same bale, Shall be no more Soe for the future, which is all that is needfull for our answer to yours of the 28th: March.

To your honours &c$^{a}$: of the 27$^{th}$: Aprill wee doe now according to order return you the Necauds with their accounts of what paid them here as wages &c$^{a}$: charges comeing and goeing, w$^{ch}$: we humbly conceive this place ought not to be charged with Seeing the failure was not in us, but ought to revert to Bengall.

Wee have hitherto deferr'd (not to Say Disobeyed) y$^{e}$: execution of your orders upon the 3 dutch runaways; our reasons are that we believe they will never return back again to the Dutch from whom they run at first; but rather goe to Chingee, to which place one Gratian Menta a Serjant of this Garrison was run about 14 months agoe and from whence he with 12 Europeans more, we hear are lately gone away, & Enter'd themselves in the Service of Abdall Labby, the former at 50 rupees and the rest at rupees 30 ℘ mensem each or these three men may be Sent to the West Coast by the very first Ship that Shall touch here in their way thither but if these reasons does not prevaile with yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: Your former orders Shall be duly obeyed, So Soon as we Shall Know yo$^{r}$: mind in this matter.

It was necessity (not our choise) that made Serjeant Willson Gentlemen of the Arms, thô he is but provisionally So wherefore we request yo$^{r}$: honour &c$^{a}$: may be pleas'd to Send us Some person fittly qualify'd for Such a trust, that can write at least Some tollerable hand for which place we hear one Dixon w$^{th}$: you, makes close application.

The business of the cheif Renters that have been our Inhabitants for Soe many years, is that they have thrown up all the countrys that they rented, upon Surup Sings hands, who has used all the ways he could (not by menacies) but by Cowls full of allureing promises of great favour and kindness to them to, to take the countrys again on the former termes; all w$^{ch}$: y$^{e}$: Renters could not be perswaded to beleive, nor anyways to rely on his cowls, w$^{ch}$: he hath So often violated and broken So that Surup Sing was obleiged to give the Renters Good Security for the faithfull performance of his Cowl So that all matters are now fairly and fri[e]ndly accommodated and Settled between them, These renters are in Joynt Stock w$^{th}$: our Companys Merchants they have houses and buildings at Pullicherry, where they may easily retire to and be welcome.

We shall write you Suddainly again an answer to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: of the 24$^{th}$: Instant meantime we are now and allways.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:
Yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{rs}$: most obedient faithfull
humble Servants.

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm$^{d}$: Mountague.
Ri: Farmer.
Tr. Games.
Rob$^{t}$: Cranwell.

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No: 58 Recd: y$^{e}$: 3d: June 1700. An Acco$^{t}$: of what Short Credited & overcharged in my acco$^{t}$: of Journall parcells lately received from Bengall ℘ticulars are as followeth Viz$^{t}$:

Short Credited or overcharged Acco$^{t}$: my Storekeepers Imploy of charges Shipping on which am Debted Rupees 20578: 4: and credited but rup$^{s}$: 20,858: 7 (of which 19,616–6–3 omitted in the Journall parcells but incerted in the account Curr$^{t}$:) which is but rup$^{s}$: 280: 3: 3 more then am debted whereas was due to me on ballance of Said Account as ℘ an Acco$^{t}$: Curr$^{t}$: of Said Imploy deliverd in rup$^{s}$: 542: 7: 7 which is less Credited or overcharged... 262: 4: 4

Short Credited for money issued out for provission of Sugars being credited for Sugars rec$^{d}$: rups 46,148: 2: 6 & money rec$^{d}$: by the ag$^{t}$: &c$^{a}$: of Boggowttee Cuttmaw at twice Rup$^{s}$: 2332: 8

& Debted for the Ballance of Deepchunds Account p$^d$: by 'em Rup$^s$: 502: 13: 6 whereby remains to my credit but rup$^s$: 47,977: 13 whereas the Sugars being prized & y$^e$: Accounts thereof made up by them, I ought to have been credited for y$^e$: money p$^d$: out of that account rup$^s$: 48,482: 3 & debted for what I rec$^d$: back on that account of Cuttmaw rup$^s$: 356: 12 whereby by my due credit on that account Should be rupees 48,125: 7 by which it appears am Short credited on this Account ... ... ... ... ... 147: 10: 0

Short Credited in my 10 mon$^s$: charges from July to Aprill Inclusive as appears from the long Entry wherein am credited rup$^s$: 663 [04:] 6 out of w$^{ch}$: y$^e$: Severall Sums not included in s$^d$: 10 Mon$^s$: charges w$^{ch}$: are as follows Viz:—

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| Dacca ffactory | 906: 0: 0 | Bro$^t$: over | 57,094: 10: 0 |
| Rice ... | 7,040: 7: 6 | Turmerick | 240: 0: 0 |
| Sugar ... | 46,148: 2: 6 | Ginger | 413: 0: 0 |
| James Wattson | 3,000: 0: 0 | Putteet | 145: 5: 3 |
| | 57,094: 10: 0 | All w$^{ch}$: amo$^t$... | 57,892: 15: 3 |

all which amounting as above to rup$^s$: 57,892: 15: 3 being deducted out of y$^e$: aforesaid Sum of rupees 66,034: 6 there will remaine but Rupees 8,411–6–9 whereas Said 10 Mon$^s$: Expences amounting to rup$^s$: 9,309: 3 by w$^{ch}$: appears to be Short Credited on this Account: ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 897: 9: 6

Over charged in y$^e$: next Entry, S$^d$: to be not allow$^d$: of in y$^e$: foregoeing Expences w$^{ch}$: being charged to my account without being acquaint'd of it in my absence and without any thing prov'd or alledged against them presume to be an unreasonable & illegall charge being conscious to my Selfe that nothing was expended but what necessary except by order of y$^e$:, agent therefore cannot consent to be overcharg'd on this Account ... ... ... 367: 10: 9

Short Credited in y$^e$: account of Cash Sent downe to y$^e$: agent viz$^t$: In y$^e$: mon: of Xber Sent down 200 Siccaes at 5 ꝑct: batta for w$^{ch}$: am credited at 4¾ ꝑ C$^t$: batta which on 200 is difference 8: 0: 0

In March Sent Siccas 3,750: at 4½ ꝑ Ct: for wh$^{ch}$: am credited but 4¼ ꝑ C$^t$: batta & that makes a difference of rup: 9: 6: w$^{ch}$: w$^{th}$: 1: anna Short cast up by them is in all Short Credit of ... 9: 7: 0

I Aprill Sent downes [Sic] Siccas 6,900 at 3 ꝑ c$^t$: batta & am credited but for Siccas 6,375 at D$^o$: batta w$^{ch}$: is less y$^n$:, should bee Siccas 525 w$^{ch}$: w$^{th}$: batta of 5 ꝑ C$^t$: makes me short credited on this account ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 540: 12: 0

550: 11: 0

Over charged or rather falsely & maliciously charged to my account of money belonging to y$^e$: merchants of Hugly recover'd by me from Abdull Gunney coroury of Hugly &c$^a$: w$^{ch}$: except what Sent to y$^e$: Agent Spent in durbar charges and given away by themselves was return'd to y$^e$: owners what therefore wrongfully charged too me on this account is ... ... ... ... ... 462: 8: 0

Not Credited for near 3 mon$^s$: charges Viz$^t$: from y$^e$: pr$^o$: May to y$^e$: 27$^o$ July on pretence y$^e$: ꝑticulars of Said charges are not to be found for w$^{ch}$: want creditt ... ... ... ... ... 700: 10: 0

Errors Excepted ... 3388: 15: 7

FORT S$^T$: DAVID,
10$^{TH}$: MAY 1700.

ꝑ JN$^o$: HAYNES.

FORT ST. DAVID 10HT MAY 1700.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDT: FOR YE: RT: HONBLE: ENGS: EAST
INDIA COMPAS: AFFAIRS ON YE: COAST OF
CHORMANDELL &CA: & GOVERNR: OF FORTS
ST: GEORGE & ST: DAVID &CA: COUNCILL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

No. 59. Recd: 3rd June 1700. By the foregoing Account yor: honr: &ca: may ℘ceive I am not Indebted to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: but much ye: contrary thô' for want of due credits on Some Accounts and over on others to ye: amount of Rupees 3,388 : 15 : 7 am brought in Dr: Rupees 1 [1992 :] 92 : 12 : 3 which deducted from what overcharged & Short Credited there remains due to me Rups: 1396 : 3 : 4 as ℘ ye: Account Currant that comes herewith:

In ffebruary 169⅔ was Sent me by Mr: Bett by order of Sr: Jno: Goldsborough &ca: Copy of an account that came from Bengall whereby was charged with Rupees 1992 : 12 : 3 to wch: gave Such answer as then occured and on Sr: Jno: Goldsboroughs comeing to this place in June following he order'd me to ffort St: George to be Examined on ye: Same by President Higginson where I stayed till Sr: John came up and was accordingly Examined first by President Higginson & after by both together and from my answer in writing & examination they both Seemed to be satisfyed, that I was wronged in Said charge & I heard no more about it, till found it mentioned in the auditor Genll: Papers recd: in Fort St: George ℘ ship Tavestock Anno 1697 and Some mons: Since I Recd: from yor: honr: &ca: my account in Journall parcells & an account Currant of ye: Same Said to be taken from ye: Severall Bengll: Bookes from which and what papers of my owne that were left me relateing thereto I drew out Said account currant above mentioned, in which if any thing Should be wrong Stated (wch: I doe not know or beleive there is) hope it will not be hardly Sensur'd Since the account was drawne out under great disadvantages having lost many of my papers relateing thereto as most of the letters recd: from ye: Agent &ca: and all the coppys of those Sent, and all my accounts of the particulers of charges and Severall other papers which were lost on my being taken prisoner in Ballasore ffactory which on its being warmely assaulted by the moors, and after good part of it was Sett on fire by them was Surrendred on which being carried prisoner to the Governour, of him obtained my freedom and comeing up againe to the ffactory Soon after our men had enterd it found all my chests and Escretores broke open, and nothing left in any of them, but Severall of my papers being Scattered about the yard picked up all I found, from which and the accounts received from Bengall I drew but the account currant as aforesaid If had attested coppys of all my accounts dd in to the agent and of all letters receiv'd and Sent question not but thereby Should be able more fully to answer any Just and reasonable objections that can be made agst: Said account currant to yor: honr: &cas: Satisfaction, and being now on this Subject it calls to mind the hard usage I have hitherto mett with, as after a frequent hazarding of my life and looseing all I had in the world (which was not inconsiderable) in my masters Service in Bengall to be So unjustly charg'd, as appears by the above account and not onely Soe but to loose my ℘ferment and right of preceedency according to my Station in the Service for Severall years past without any objection of incapacity for or misdeameanour in their Service is Surely very extraordinary but past Services I find are Soon forgot, as well those done on ye: coast as in Bengall otherwise my being the cheifest Instrument in the retakeing and preserveing Cuddalore from Selim Cawne and that by exposeing myselfe, to all danger as much as any one in the place would have been remembered to my advantage when an occasion offer'd I could much enlarge hereon but that I fear to be troublesome, therefore humbly referr my cause to yor: honr: &ca: consideration hopeing you'll please Soe to order that I may have right done me, at least as to my accounts and that as soon as conveniently may be, and for the

rest must waite the good pleasure of my Masters at home which being what at ⅌ sent have to offer I remaine.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Yor: very humble Servant

Jno: Haynes.

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Cuddalore 29th of May 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: President for affairs of the Rt: Honble: Engs: East India Compa: on the coast of chormandell &ca: & Governr: of Forts St: George & St: David &ca: Councill.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

In a Genll: of ye 28th: of March wee find our Selves to lye under yor: honrs: &cas: censure for ill Sortment of the bales Sent from this place wch: ye Worspll. Depty: Governour required us to give answer to, wch: we humbly present to you & is as followeth. No: 60 Recd. 3rd June 1700.

As to the long cloth and Sallampoors that have been embaled here they have been Sorted to ye: best of each of our Judgements, and wee presume Equall to ye. musters of this place, and tho possibly Some peices in a bale may have been lower Then ye: musters yet others have been much better as for these markt + we have no muster to Sort 'em by, but are Such as doe not come up to muster and so are [taken] in with abatement as ⅌ ye: Severall Invoices The Beteelas and Neckloths of this place have allways been ordinary, and few of them that come up to muster and therefore the most are made + and Sometimes O and thô the Invoices mention abatement of no more then pags: 1½ ⅌ Corge on the + as usuall, yet the Merchants are to be abated pags: 1½ more upon the Same as ⅌ consultation of the 6th: of Aprill 1699 when the contract was made, the which will be brought to creditt of account Currt: in our Bookes The Shady Betteelas were brought to be Sorted without a Muster and we made three Sorts of them they were all taken in, because yor: honr: &ca: were pressing for that kind of Goods, and the Worspll: Deputy Governour told us, ye: Rt: Honble: Company had great occasion for Them.

Wee have had Severall Investments Since ye: Settling this place, but never heard That there was fault found with our cloth in England, & wee are assured, that of the last investment is as good as what formerly Sent The Worspll: Deputy Governr: here has been often present at our Sorting and never found fault with it, as comparing it with the musters, tho he has Said that ye: musters were not in quallity, So good as those of Madrass.

Yor: honr: &ca: Seem to Suspect our honesty in ye: aforesaid Sortments (wch: wee are much troubled at) and having recommended to ye: Worspll: Deputy Governour to find out by a Strict Scruting, how ye: Goods came out Soe wee for our vindication did long agoe desire the Same wee are

Yor: honrs: &cas: most obedient humble: Servts:

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| Tr. Games | Jno: Haynes. |
| Robt: Cranwell | Edmd: Mountague |
| Jno: Berlu. | Ri: Farmer. |

List of the Packett.

No: 1. Genll: Letter dated 29th: May 1700.
2. Mr: Haynes answer & paper relateing thereto
3. The Councills Paper relateing to ye: sortment of The Cloth of ye: Late Investment.
4. List of all ye: Contracts made in Govr: Hatsells time.
5. Woode Naigue Redde ye: Cheife Renters Paper
6. Coppy of a Translate of Padre Gulielmo's certificate.
7. Coppy of Padre Gulielmo's Licence.
8. Necauds Charges at Fort St: David.
9. List of the Packett.

FORT S$^{T}$: DAVID 10$^{TH}$: JUNE 1700.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S$^{T}$: GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

N$^{o}$: 61. Recd 13th June 1700. We Send this Express to request that 537 Single peices of Broadcloth ordinary w$^{ch}$: will be 89 bales & 3 peices, may be Sent us upon y$^{e}$: Sarum whom wee hear is designed hither, if happly this comes to y$^{r}$: hands before her departure thence: y$^{e}$: said quantity at Pag$^{s}$: 16 ₽ peice, amounts to pag$^{s}$: 8592 which with 2658 Pag$^{s}$: worth of broad cloth delivered out here to our Merchants amounts to Pag$^{s}$: 11250 w$^{ch}$: is $\frac{3}{8}$ of Pag$^{s}$: 30000 on account of y$^{e}$: new Contract with our Merchants: but great Care must be Taken that none of them have any y$^{e}$: least damage, w$^{ch}$: if they have, the merch$^{ts}$: will not Take them off our hands and wee have too many already That are Soe, which wee shall Suddainly [expose] to publick Sale, as wee have done last week with Some of our old remains of Perpetuanos, the account of which wee Shall advise in our next, when wee Shall answer yo$^{rs}$: of the 24$^{th}$: past; mean time we remain.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

Yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: &c.$^{a}$ most Obed$^{t}$: hum$^{ble}$: Serv$^{tts}$:

WILLIAM FRASER.
JN$^{O}$: HAYNES.
RALPH: INGRAM.
EDM$^{D}$: MOUNTAGUE.
RI: FARMER.
ROB$^{T}$: CRANWELL.

P. S.—Wee request likewise that Some money be Sent us on y$^{e}$: Sarum our Merchants to whom wee are in arrear on y$^{e}$: old Investm$^{t}$: being very importunate for money, and wee are not in Cash.

W.F. E. M.
J. H. R. F.
R. I. R. C.

M$^{r}$: James is indisposed & M$^{r}$: Berlu out of town.

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CHUTTANUTTEE Y$^{E}$: 26$^{TH}$: MARCH 1700.

TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT PRESID$^{T}$: FOR AFFAIRS OF Y$^{E}$:
R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: ENG$^{SH}$: EAST INDIA COMP$^{A}$: ON Y$^{E}$:
COAST OF CHORMANDELL WEST COAST
&C$^{A}$: & GOV$^{R}$: OF FORT S$^{T}$: GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

Hon$^{ble}$: S : &c$^{a}$:

N$^{o}$: 62. Recd. 21st June 1700. Enclosed comes Copy of ours of y$^{e}$: 7$^{th}$: & 12$^{th}$: Ins$^{t}$: by Ship Ruby & Overland Conveyance, haveing two Vizagapatam Peons here which came with advices from thence the 14$^{th}$: of December and impacient to returne to their familyes wee dispatcht them; but have little of Import to advise yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: excepting that the Ship Antilope hath Sprung a leak, and not capable to proceed for England untill She be dockt or creend the London is bound with a cargoe of Provisions to Metchlepatam but the S: W. Winds are Set in Soe Strong that 'twill be very difficult if possible for her to proceed There was notice given of the Antilopes condition to S$^{r}$: Edward Littleton the beginning of the month on which we were apprehensive that S$^{r}$: Edward would have unladen the Antilope and Shipt her cargoe on the London, which might have been done early enough, to have Sent her out of the river by the 20$^{th}$: Instant but Cap$^{t}$: Hammond Lulld him into an opinion of the Ships Capacity to proceed, altho most of the Officers and Ships Company were fearfull thereof.

In case any Ship comes up the River this Season to Rungah fullah about 400 tonns Burthen, we shall bee able to lade and dispatch her by the latter end of Aug$^{st}$: So that our Masters may have another Bengall Ship So early as any of the new companys.

M$^{r}$: Hedges hath been at Hugly with S$^{r}$: Edward to consult about the Nishaan and returned again, but wee believe nothing can be done untill the Kings

Phirmaund arrives, which is not likely to do them Service this Season, So that there must be a Second expence for a dustuck to doe the business for their expected shipping.

It's reported S^r: Edward hath many Chests of Treasure by him, but his age fateague, and indisposition hath hitherto prevented the thoughts of giveing out Dadney, this Seasonable time of the year nor is it Discoursed of Soe that if it Pleaseth God any of our Masters Ships arrives this next month we shall be as early with our Investment as the new Comp^a: we are

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Yo^r: most humble Servants.
JOHN BEARD.
JONA^N: WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

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TO THE R^T: HON^BLE: THOM^S: PITT ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOV^R: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^T: HON^BLE: ENG^S: EAST INDIA COMP^A:
&C^A: COUNCILL.

VIZAGAPATAM MAY Y^E: 17^TH: 1700.

R^t: Hon^ble: &c^a:

Our last was of the 28^th: Ultimo: accompanying a Bengall packett this comes now to forward a Second and to advise the Revolutions of the country are much encreased the Nabobs & Rajahs forces haveing had many Skirmishes in which the latter has allways been victorious and have burnt and plundered almost the whole country and the Nabob now confines himselfe to the Durbar not caring to adventure himselfe in an open Engagement lest the kings forces should prove treacherous and betray him as they have done many of his predecessors, we Still continue that good correspondence with all parties mentioned in our last and have Sufferd nothing yet amid[st] all these revolutions either in our towns or trade and our Peons pass free and unmolested and all our cloth of this side Chiccacull comes in as formerly but the Dutch are wholly exempted from y^e: liberty, for a peon, of theirs thrusting himself among Some of ours y^t: were coming from Chiccacull being discovered by the Met[taes] was taken up and carried before Bandee jugga where he received 100 Stripes with a Chawbuck, his letters tore, and had not our people much interceeded had lost his head, the Dutch Merchants are come to our town for protection of their persons Some of y^e: Rajahs forces being gone to plunder their houses & Pitts of Grain and 'tis thought in a little time they will make an attempt on the Dutch factory.

N^o: 63. Recd: 21^st: June 1700.

As any thing offers worth yo^r: hon^r: &c^as: notice we shall be Sure timely to communicate it and encloseing our account Cash omitted in our last with that for the month of Aprill at present crave leave to Subscribe.

R^t: Hon^ble: &c^a:
Yo^r: faithfull humble Servants.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAM^LL: OWEN.
THOM^S: STABLES.

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TO THE HON^BLE: THOM^S: PITT ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: OF FFORT S^T:
GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

METCHELEPATAM, Y^E: 14^TH: APRILL 1700.

May itt please yo^r: hon^r: &c^a:

Yo^r: Gen^ll: l̃re of the 1^st: Instant I've rec^d: and haveing observed the contents thereof, I cannot but reflect on my misfortune, in that yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: is Still pleased to continue yo^r: express commands to me, in makeing application to y^e: Government, Soe contrary to the Sumons issued out by his Excellency S^r: William Norris Baronett Embassadore extraord^ry: from his Maj^ty: of Great

N^o: 64. Recd: 21^st: June 1700.

Brittaine, copy whereof accompanyed our Genll: of ye: 7th: Febry: last, wherein I humbly begged yor: honr: &ca: would be pleased to lay your commands on me noe further, then what I could give compliance to without plunging my Selfe into those difficulties that would infallibly prove my ruine; Yett yor: honr: &ca: is Still pleased to continue yor: former orders, which I can by noe means (with Safety put in execution imputed itt to bee noe other then downe right opposeing the Kings authority, and besides noe man of reason can immagine that my Lord Embassadore, would Sumons any one but that Sufficient power, to chastise, the party offending according as His Excellency Shall think convenient and tho I were Soe hottly bent to give his Excellency occasion to expose me according to the deserts of any one that should Soe offend, I would faine know who would releive me out of those troubles, or what I have to Show from yor: honr: &ca: to bear me harmless, or againe what strength can yor: honr: immagine I have to withstand his Excellency, in Such case I should make the attempt to disobey his orders, which plainely Say againe I can by noe means doe. And as yor: honr: is pleased to tell me that having lived abroad I should better understand the Power of a Consull; I must confess I've Resided in Countrys where there has been Gentleman of that Post, whoever was respected by English men, as his Majtyes: Minister, and one that repre[se]nts his Royall person, his orders always meeting with due observance as farr as his Comon: reacht: & I understand the Consulls Comon: here to be of much more force then any that I ever knew before; & if either his Excellency or ye: Consull have exceeded their Power, I Suppose they will be answerable for their Actions, yett neither that nor any thing else that I could ever yett see, will bear me out in opposeing either of Them.

Copia.

I am glad yor: honr: &ca: have recd: our Journall and ledger, and as to the Dustore, twas left out neither by forgettfullnesse, nor with a designe to make use of itt otherways but doe Suppose it more proper to be brought to acct: att the adjusting with the Merchants when they have finished their Contracts, Soe hope that can be noe great disadvantage to our Masters.

The Goods Stopt att Maddapollam as advised in my last, are cleared upon the whole Score of faire words, and beleive Shall have noe further occasion of makeing use of the Rashwarr except it be on account of another Contract.

When I was Sorting the goods att Maddapollam I writt yor: honr: &ca: of the 25th: Xber: last that I could not bee exact in Sorting by being Soe much behind, in our payments, Mr: Lovell haveing paid considerable Sumes to these Merchants here, on account of new Contracts, besides Pags: 1000 to Quolloe Narsoe for provission of Golcondah Betteelaes & 900 Pags: for Chints, all which kept me back from complying with my merchants there & as the breach of the Contract was on my Side, I must either put up Such Goods as I did, or not Send any, which I suppose would have been more disadvantage to our Masters; Yett as bad as the Long cloth is, I know the worst ℘s there cost the merchts: 4½ Pags: and the rest from 95 too 100 Pagodas ℘Corge: however I Esteem itt an Extraordinary favour that yor: Honrs: Councill will allow there was one ℘s of Good cloth in the whole ℘cell, not being ye: Compas: Covenanted Servant, and a noted Gamster as they are pleased to term me.

I know not what occasion I have given yor: honr: &ca: in my former letters, to Suspect me, Soe much inclinable to the new Compas: Interest; except itt bee for writeing the reall truth, which I must either doe or be Silent, for I was never thought to [m]ince matters in the way of busyness, yett as long as my utmost endeavours are looked upon as bad Service, and the onely encouradgmt: nothing but complaints; I hope it may be granted me the usuall liberty of Servants, that when they cannot please one master to look out for ano: where their Service may be more acceptable; therefore humbly beg yor: Honr: &ca: will be pleased to Send Some other person hither that may bee more capable of giveing consent then I am; in the Interim doe assure Yor: honr: that I shall doe nothing but what consists wth: Honr: and honesty both to King and Country.

According to yor: honr: &ca: orders I have acquainted the merchants that Suddainely yor: honr: &ca: will Send Supply for a large Investment, at wch: they

Seeme indifferently Satisfyed ; tho not to understand that you will take noe more Gulcondah Betteelaes haveing great quantities comeing downe, and plainely tells me that if yor: honr: &ca: will not take Betteelaes according to agreement made with Mr: Lovell, they doe not designe to give any Allejaes and I'me apt to beleive they will bee as good as their word, they have brought in good store of cloth which I shall not medle with till further orders I am

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: most humble and obedt: Servt:
SAMLL: WOOLSTON.

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METCHLEPATAM YE: 1ST: JUNE 1700.

May it please yor: honr: &ca:

The foregoing is coppy of what I writt returned (after 41 days absence) without any answer to our Genll: of ye: 26th: March Soe that I am att a losse how to answer our Merchants in regard to what I then advised yor: honr: &ca: which gives them just cause to immagine, tis onely a designe to divert them from being Employed in ye: new Compas: Service about which they have not been a little clamourous, and to Stop their goeing to make complaints, I was forced to goe to Maddapollam useing all ye: faire promisses immaginable and pack up 7 or 8 bales of Cloth much att the Same rate as before, which I very well know does not come up to ye: old muster, & I with yor: Honr: would be pleased to Send one of yor: Councill that yor: honr: may be Satisfyed how impossible 'tis to procure long Cloth to Come up to muster which if one goes to ye: nicety of ye: thing I am Sure a Corge cannot be purchased now for 120 Pags: however tryall is better then report; I had noe other way then what I have acquainted Yor: honr: to keep the merchts: att Maddapollam from leaving us which if they had done these here would consequently have followed, they have not wanted large promises wch: yor: honr: is Sensible I have not been capable of Serveing them in any thing else which is noe Satisfaction for Banians when they have their money lying Dormant Soe long, & See their inferiors briskly employ'd in the other Service, Soe that if they Should, or have left us & privately gone to the consull (wch: I am jealous of) I hope that will not be layd to my charge haveing given yor: honr: &ca: due & frequent advices wth: out receiveing any orders how to proceed, & our Merchants are Soe accustomed to promises that They will noe more regard them & have not brought in a ꝑs of Cloth almost this month, they have provided upwards of 20 Thousand Pags: in Cloth of wch: about 4 Thousand is in ye: factory & ye: rest in their owne Godownes. No: 65 Recd: 21st: June 1700.

Yesterday came a Messenger from ye: Mogull in great State to waite on ye: Embassadore to ye: Camp who thinks to Sett out 10 days hence att furthest, I have not else to add but to reiterate my request in That yor: honr: will be pleased to Send Some person that may take charge of this ffactory & that I may be dismissed which is ye: humble petition.

Yor: Honrs: most obedt: humble Servant
SAMLL: WOOLSTON.

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FORT ST: DAVID 17TH: JULY 1700.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMS: PITT PRESIDT: & GOVR: OF
FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

Honble: &ca:

We have laden on the Colchester, Capt: Benjamin Rouse commander 25 bales of Callicoes, as ℣ Inclosed Bill of Ladeing & Invoice, which Compleats the Investment of Pags: 63000 contracted for with both setts of Merchants on ye: 3d: of Aprll: 1699. No: 66 Recd: 20th: July 1700.

We have packt up ten rheam of ye: Small paper, bought of captain South in May last, which we Send that by this ship, beleeveing you may have occasion

for it; & Captain Rouse hath of his own about 45 rheam of Severall Sorts, to dispose of; but promises yor: Honr: &ca: Shall have the first refusall for which reason we have not bought any of him here.

We send yor: Honr: &ca: upon this Ship, Jno: Ireland & Thomas Witchman, ye: two so notorious Piratts, who were brought us on ye: danes Ship in Irons from Acheen in December last, tho we doe not know who consigned them to us.

Yor: Honrs: &ca: of ye: 24th: May to this place hath not much in it for us to answer, it being yors: to us for ye: clearing & explaineing Some mistakes as to ye: price of the Severall musters &ca., we advised yor: honr: &ca: in our Genll: letter of ye: 7th: that month, touching ye: present Investment agreed & concluded on ye: 14th: past by wch: our Merchts: are obliged to bring in & deliver to ye: warehousekeeper by the 15th: September next $\frac{3}{4}$ of ye: whole contracted for & ye: whole Investment to be brought in and finished, at or before ye: 15th: October next, & wee could not prevaile with our Merchants to promise ye: compleating ye: Same in a Shorter time (as wee formerly advised) by reason yor: honr: &cas: answer to ours of ye: 7th: May last for yor: approbation, was to long delayed, as that it was ye: 28th: of that month, before we recd: ye: Same.

Yor: honr: &ca: are pleased to load us with that heavy peace offering, made by the late Government at Fort St: George, to ye: Nabob Zulfaker Cawn, by ye: hands of Soe faithfull a Messenger as Amer Joan; the amount of wch: is charged to this factory, on ye: Score of Selimon Cawns trouble in Febry: 169$\frac{7}{8}$ which we humbly conceive to be Somewhat hard & therefore request may have leave and be permitted to offer our humble opinion why we think it Soe.

We have gott ready at Boomepollam, upwards of 60000 billet wood, which Shall encrease to as great a quantity more, as wee can.

Soe much of ye: Dutch Godowns wth: ye: brickwall adjoyning to it, as stood in ye: way of our Guns from ye: Fort to ye: Round point, is now pulled downe, without any other consideration for ye: Same, then what ye: Deputy Governour pleases to give ye: owners, wch: are ye: Resident Brunts own repeated words to ye: Deputy Governour on ye: 10th: past, in Company wth: Messrs: Haynes Farmer and Berlu.

Mr: Games is fixt Scavenger of Cuddalore which office he now executes; the quarterly payments for ye: Same commences from ye: ℘mo: Aprill last, ye: amount of which (if all paid) is as ℘ enclosed list.

We have recd: on ye: 8th: Instant what consigned us on ye: Sarum, right according to Bill of Ladeing; out of which money recd: wee have paid to Viabo Chittee &ca: Joynt Stock merchants in full of their Contract

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| in Aprill 1699 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3977 : 08 : |
| & to Eram Rauze &ca: on that accot: ... ... ... | 1312 : 21 : |

We Shall have occasion to write to you Speedyly again, as to the Bills of Exchange to our Merchants as you are pleased to direct, & therefore we conclude this & remain

Honble: &ca:
Yor: Honrs: &ca:
most obedient humble Servants

Tr: Games. Will Fraser.
Robt: Cranwll: Jno: Haynes
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd: Mountague.
Ri: Farmer.

*P. S.*—We did on ye: 9th: Inst draw a bill of Excha: on yor: honr: &ca: for pags: 100 payable at Six days Sight to ye: Honble: Presidt: for ye: like value recd: into ye: Compas: Cash here, of Mr: Edwd: Fenwick; wch: we pray may be hond: wth: acceptance we have recd: yors: of ye: 10th: Inst: which shall be answered.

Willm: Fraser.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOM^S: PITT ESQ^R: GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A:

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF WILLIAM LEWIS

Sheweth That Your Hon^rs: Petitioner haveing come to the East Indyes as a Souldier, in the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Ship Anna & a Young man Whome I was formerly Acquainted with in my own Country, was Grosely abused and withall Seased to y^e: Gangway to receive Punishment; he Knowing me formerly desired of me to cut him Loose; which I presumed to doe not knowing y^e: Fraise of y^e: Seas; Soe properly as another man the Captain of y^e: Said Ship Seaseing my hands to the Gangway for y^e: Said fault in Seasing my hands, by order Seased Soe firm; that I am now att y^e: present disabled of it & God knowes wheather Ever I may Receive the use of it [in]my lifetime againe not onely that but I onely desire of your hon^r: to Enquire of any man that was Passenger with me in the Said Ship to Enquire of them whether Ever I was disobedient to any Command; Hopeing yo^r: hon^r: will be Soe graciously Pleased, to admitt me to a Hearing; before yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: Councill before y^e: Captain of y^e: Said Ship takes his Departure from this place & in case yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: Councill can find me in any wayes Tardy of any faults, I am here to answer any Punnishm^t: that yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: Councill Shall think Convenient for me hopeing your hon^r: &c^a: Councill will take this into Consideration & I shall be ever in duty bound to pray &c^a. N^o: 67

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VIZAGAPATAM, JUNE 24^th: 1700.

TO THE R^T: HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E:
R^T: HON^BLE: ENG^SH: EAST INDIA
COMP^A: &C^A: COUNCILL.

R^t: Hon^ble: &c^a:

Our last was of y^e: 17^th: ultimo giveing an Account of y^e: Revolutions of y^e: Country to the Juncture which Still continues & are much encreas'd, y^e: Rajah's forces haveing taken Cassamcoat y^e: cheifest ffort in the Country & an assault on Chiccacull is dayly expected which when they attempt they will as easily possess themselves of as of y^e: former y^e: Inhabitants & Nabobs Servants holding a friendly Correspondence with y^e: Rajahs being averse to him on account of y^e: new impositions & taxes he has endeavour'd to lay on y^e: Country & for which [h]e brought perwannas with him. N^o: 68 Rec^d: 4th: August do.

The Dutch merchants have been [all robb'd & plunder'd & they themselves forc't to compound for their ffactory to which they are confin'd & doe not Send a Servant or letter on any account without their limitts, wee Still continue that friendly correspondence as formerly advised but the Rajahs enlargeing their taxes on y^e: Country for maintenance of their Camp has put a Check to trade & has impeeded our Cloth comeing in so well as formerly most of y^e: principle weav^rs: & other Artisors being forc't to abscond to escape y^e: impositions but we have hopes this wont last long.

Ship Humphrey and Cha[r]les importing here y^e: 20^th: ultim^o: bro^t: us the Hon^rs: of yo^rs: of y^e: 10^th: D^o: by which we find our relation of affairs here was not Soe Satisfactory as yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: expected which we are Sorry for it, being reall matter of truth.

We Shall treat with the new Nabob as Soon as y^e: Country is at quiet according to your desire & obtaine y^e: necessary Rocca's relateing to Metchlepatam & other parts but he is to much Employed at ꝑsent in y^e: Revolutions of y^e: Country to think of any other Business nor does he concern himselfe with any, not Soe much as to gather y^e: revenues.

The ffactors Provisions yo^r: hon^rs: &c^a: Sent us we have rec^d: but can learn noe acco^t: of y^e: looking glasses tho have made y^e: most dilligent enquiry, the

Chest appear firm when came on Shoar & not to have been any ways disturbd on board & was open'd in our ℘sence & which is ye: present needfull from

We enclose our accot:
Cash for ye: month May
S: Holcombe.
S: Owen.
T: Stables.

Rt: honble: &ca:
Yor: faithfull humble: Servants.
Simon Holcombe.
Samll: Owen.
Thoms: Stables.

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To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr:
Presidt: & Governr: of ffort St:
George &cA: Councill.

Metchlepm: ye: 12th: July 1700.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

No: 69 Recd: 4th: August Do: On all occasions I have not been backward in giveing yor: honr: &ca: the needfull advise as to occurance in these parts, without being favoured with any from yor: honr: &ca: Since ye: 26th: March by which I plainely See yt: I'm'e not Esteemed worthy of yr: Service, and is but a Small help to this unsavory way of liveing where I am destitute of all manner of necessarys tho never Soe indisposed, without dareing to make use of my Countrymen here, for my healths Sake, least I should be counted treacherous, & now Gentlemen I must make bould to tell you that I am ready to give a just account of what was left under my charge to whatever you may think fitt to order, expecting to be considered for my losse of time Since the 1st ffebruary last (that the Benjamin sayled hence) as allsoe to bee reimburst of what I have layd out on ye: charges of both ffactoryes & to bee noe longer under Soe Severe a confinement, for as Supposeing my Selfe to bee a free borne English Subject I hope I may take the liberty to Look after my wellfare as I Shall think convenient for my most advantage, which I beleive may be done without ye: breach of either Honour or honesty of which I will never be guilty of as hard as yor: honour &ca: is pleased to Judge me which I can boldly Say has been without ye: least reason, & is ye: oaely thing I have gained in these two yeares Service Excepting a little Experience which will not neare ballance the trouble that has all along tended this business without giveing yor: honr: &ca: the least content; and my old distemper the Gout growing upon me in Such a manner in ye: Country that I am not capable of acting in any affaire therefore am designed to goe home ℘ the Tankerville Captaine Newnam commandr: my old acquaintance where my passage will cost me nothing & ye: fittest for one in my poor Condition; he arrived here about 14 days agoe he Sayled from Cowes on ye: 27th: Janry: in Compa: of the Howland these 20 I Suppose is wth: you before this, here is allsoe arrived ye: Soomers who parted from Plimo: ye: 25th: February he tells me the Colechester lost her mainemast 100 leagues west of Scilly & put into Plimo: to refitt and the Thornton homeward bound run a Shoar in Penwrin Bay but knows not what loss she sustain'd, an Embargoe was laid on Ship Anna on the downes for Captaine Bridges Sayleing the last Voyage contrary to the act of navigation, and allsoe that the King William had lost her foremast in this chanell & was put into Plimoo this is the account I have from these Gentlemen which I heartily wish may not prove true, both these Ships are come very rich and betwixt them have already landed here 114 Chests of Silver & one of Gold.

I have of late been twice att Maddapollam being sent for both times in great hast to Mr: Rowland who was more likely for death then anything else and is often taken with convulsions is here now very Sickly and is very desirous to be remov'd.

I have not else to add but my often repeated request that I may be favoured wth: an answer and kept noe longer in Suspence which will not a little oblige.

Yor: humble Servant
Samll: Woolston.

Herewith goes a Pacquett recd from M : Holcomb for yor: Honour &ca: the Embassador designes not to Stirr till the Raines are over.

Since the writeing of the above Captaine Douglas came to See me which I hope may not be taken amiss being an acquaintance of mine in ye: navy, he tells me that what was reported of ye: King William is false, and doubts not but She will be safe with you in a very Short time ye: Colechester did loose her mast as aforemend: but was almost ready to Sayle when She left that place, he tells me he was very assistant with boats &ca: to the Colechester, & Captaine Rouze desired him to give this [acct:] of him in India the Colechester has neare 30 passengers aboard men and women.

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To the Honble: Thoms: Pitt
Presidt: & Governr: of Fort Sr:
George &ca: Councill.

Fort St: David 31st July 1700.

Honble: &ca:

Yor: Honrs: &ca: of ye: 10th: Instant wth: ye: Severall accompanying inclosed papers, as ℔ list, we acknowledge to have recd: & were read in the hearing of ye: Councill at Consultation We pray God give us good cause to think well of ye: King William if not yett arrived with you. No: 70 Recd: 4th: Augt: do:

We shall in as much as is possible for us, conform ourselves to ye: actuall obedience of what required by our Rt: Honble: Masters, in their Generall Letter to this place, which we Shall mention more large, in our next addresses to their Honrs: intended by the first returning Ship from the Port, Soe farr as the Same relates to frugallity & retrenching of charges, ye: consideration of which long Since was ye: main motive & cheife reason that prevailed with us, to reduce the excessive charge of our Genll: table to the more moderate expence of Dyett money that we are now at, which at first seemed displeaseing to yor: honr: &ca: beleaving it a derogation to ye: Honble: Compa: as not being represented by a Genll: table; & yett we See ye: Auditor-Generall complaines of haveing bought a new Garden, tho the late Deputy Governour upon Such like former complaint, Sold that Garden wch: was the Companys we haveing then two & now no more than one, which we humbly conceive we cannot well be without, and that because it is a convenient place for the Deputy Governour to receive the visitts & complements of the Severall officers and Country Governours petty Subidars, Avaldars &ca: that frequently (upon their occasions) pass through our bounds, and in their way Send their Servants to offer their visitt to the Deputy Govr: in the Fort; which in point of Government wee think neither to be convenient or prudent too often or easily to admitt Such Straingers (under pretence of friendship) to view & Survey our Strength fewness of soldiers especially our Europeans, & to see our nakedness and weakness of our hands besides it's scituation in a fair open plaine, makes it very convenient for any of the honble: companyes Servants to remove to, for change of air at any time when they are Sick or ill, which may greatly conduce to the recovery of their health : Wee give this present answer to the end yor: honr: &ca: may be pleased not to determine this matter against us, in your Generall letter home to the Rt: honble: Compa:

The failure of broadcloth from England, contrary to what we expected, hath been a great disapointment to us, because according to our agreement with our Merchants we were to give them the contracted quantitys first of all for them to have disposed off in time, by which means we would have filled their hands and stopt their mouths, untill your Honr: &ca: had leasure and the monsoon changed, to have Sent us the money payment either in pags: or Dollers at the price currant However our Merchants are not sorry for the disapointment of the Broad cloth, but onely that they had sold what they had in their hands before this news came.

We have about the beginning of this month in persuance to yor: Honr: &ca: orders given to both compas: here & at Cuddalore, to each a whole cow, to be

either rosted or boyled as themselves pleased best, with a proportionable quantity of Biskett to all the Severall Soldiers with a Sufficient quantity of Punch of Coylon Arrack to each Company being given them on their Severall freegaurd days, all which was performed with great moderation & good order, & all well Satisfied.

The Councill who were the Sorters of y^e: Cloth of y^e: former Investment Say they have noe further to offer at present untill yo^r: hon^rs: &c^a: Affairs gives leasure to answer what they have already wrote on the Subject matter of y^e: Sortment which yo^r: Generall Letter Seems to promise.

We have formerly advised your Honour &c^a: that we have not any fitting person to make Gentlemen of the arms.

The report we had from Chingie and Arcott, which still continues and is daily confirm'd is that Dow'd Cawn is comeing into these parts, with whom Some Say his brother Seliman Cawn comes allsoe, the certainty of which we Shall better know in a few days more, being in dayly expectation of hearing further in this matter from our Spyes abroad meantime Jemser cawn with his son Ibram cawn are gone in the head of 200 horse to assist Mangomah (a tributary Princess to the Mogull) against Eccoge.

We sent your hon^r: the list given unto us by Captain Hugonin and Captain Davis of what arms and flints are required as necessary to supply our Garrison with.

We shall give Mollem due creditt here for the pagodas 472 : 33 fanams paid by y^e: Honourable President into the R^t: Honourable Companies Cash, and debt your account for the same.

We have on the 16^th: Instant entertain'd to assist our Secretary and other usefull writeing work, one Nicholas Audney, a young man well versed in the Theory of Navigation, as well as the practick part, which he hath attained to by the improvement he hath made in two Voyages from England to India, he writes a good hand; we have not made any conditions with him any more then to allow him dyett money, lodgeing and washing, unless his constant and ready assistance in writeing work should make us think him worthy of a small gratuity at the time he goes away, which may be in December or January next, when Shipping will be coming in, and going out, his mind being wholly bent to the sea he came on the Colchester, and obtained the Captains leave to Stay, and was accordingly cleared from the ship you will see his hand writeing by the coppys of our present contracts, made with both Setts of Merchants which should have been sent sooner but for the reasons formerly advised your hon^r: &c^a:

The Auditor-Generall charges Gunn^r: Emmed with a debt of pag^s: 9: 6 which seems to have followed him from the west coast hither; we request the extract of that entry may be Sent us, as it stands in the west coast books, Coppys of which are with you at the Fort, the better to know the reason on which the said debt is grounded Gunner Emmed desireing the same.

What long cloth the Merchants have brought in, which is yet but upwards of 300p^s: & is now at washing, proves to be a good substantiall close wove cloth, better then any they formerly brought in, they have quantitys a comeing on the roads, and therefore we shall want all manner of good packing Stuff, especially fine twine and waxcloth; we are allsoe in great want of Bees wax, of which now we have none, and likewise good paper for our Consultations, and Gen^ll: Books of Accounts with all which we hope you are now supplyed sufficiently & to spare.

We have the better to encourage our Merchants given them two bills of Exchange drawn on yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: both of them dated the 29^th: Instant Viz^t: To Viabo Chittee &c^a: Merchants one bill of pag^s: 6666 : 24 payable to their order at eight days sight; the other Bill for Pag^s: 3333: 12 payable at six days sight to Eram Rauze &c^a: or their order M^r: Ingrams indisposition and illness, whose recovery hath been doubted, and now we can but hope the best, is the cause he does not sign this Letter, as he hath not to any of the Bills of Exch^a: aforementioned. It is now the last day of this month and the ballance of our

Cash remaining when the Garrison is paid off, will be Pag^s^: 568 : 13 : 3 which is needfull at present, but that we are with all due respect.

Hon^ble^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^: Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ : most obed^t^ :
humble Servants
WILL : FRASER.
JN^o^ : HAYNES.
EDM^D^ : MOUNTAGUE.
RI : FARMER.
TR : GAMES.
ROB^T^ : CRANWELL.
JOHN BERLU.

August ℘ m^o^ :

This morning past by a large shipp with French Colours bound for Pollicherry what news she brings we shall advise thereof Soe Soone as we receive it.

W.F.

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TO THE HON^BLE^ : THOM^S^ : PITT ESQ^R^ :
PRESIDENT : OF FORT S^T^ : GEORGE
&C^A^ : COUNCILL.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE 6^TH^ :
AUG^T^ : 1700.

The Humble : Pettition of Bera Timappau sheweth

That whereas your Hum^ble^ : Pettion^r^ : has for above one year and a halfe N^o^ : 71
lived in this place without any business, or employ, which is wholy against his inclination, being willing to show himself to the utmost of his power serviceable to the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Company as formerly, and as his father and all the rest of his Relations have been, which question not but your honour, &c^a^ : are sensible of, hoping you will take itt into your serious consideration in permitting him to offer into consultation some proposealls for an Investment w^ch^ : doubt not but will meet with your Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ : liking so.
As in duty bound shall ever &c^a^.

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TO THE HON^BLE^ : THOM^S^ : PITT ESQ^R^ :
GOVERN^R^ : OF FORT S^T^ : GEORGE
&C^A^ : COUNCILL.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE AUG^T^ :
Y^E^ : 12^TH^ : 1700.

S^rs^ :

Designing to return for England by the January shipping my request to your N^o^ : 72
Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : is that you'l please to permitt me to lay down the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Service in order thereto I am

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Your most hum^ble^ : Servant
JN^o^ : HUTCHINSON.

Yo^r^ : Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ : desireing to know the reasons of my foregeoing request The cheife is, That I think it more for my interest to goe home and look after what is left me by my Friends then to tarry here and leave it to the care of other ℘sons and as for what your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : objects that I have not serv'd out the time Indebted to serve the Comp^a^ : there are many instances of persons that have had leave to returne to their native country before the expiration of their contracted time ; two lately Viz^t^ : Mr : Nicholas & M^r^ : Carne and therefore upon paying 26 pag^s^ : hope that the same favour will not be denyed to

Yo^r^ : most Humble : Servant
JN^o^ : HUTCHINSON.

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TO THE HON^ble: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESIDENT & GOV^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

FORT S^T: DAVID 15^TH Aug^t: 1700.

Hon^ble: &c^a:

No. 73 Recd: 19th: Do: Our last to this was of y^e: 31^st: past, Since which on the 4^th: Instant we rec^d: yours of y^e: ℔m^o: of y^e: Same, acknowledgeing ours of y^e: 17^th: past, Sent by the Colchester, in which your hon^r: &c^a: were not pleased to take any notice of y^e: main point of Amer Johns Embassie to y^e: camp y^e: extravigant expence of which &c^a: in y^e: bulk (to our great amazement of So great a Load) is charged to this place, and therefore we continue our former request, as mentioned in Said Letter of y^e: 17^th: past.

The good news yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: were pleased to advize, was very welcome and acceptable to us; yet the King Williams treasure falls much Short of what Cap^t: South reported it to be, which was 100 Chests.

We have acquainted your merch^ts: w^th: yo^r: ord^rs: to us of doubleing the present investm^t: from 30,000 pag^s: to 60,000 pag^s: but we cannot by all y^e: most reasonable and perswasive arguments we have used, or can think of, prevail, any ways to enduce y^m: to y^e: undertakeing y^e: Same yett they doe not Soe absolutely refuse as y^t they will not promise the doubleing their present Contract, untill their cloth comes in, that they may know how y^e: Same proves and agrees w^th: y^e: new musters by which they may make a Judgement, and y^n: give us their finall resolution, whether they can or cannot undertake what required of them, on y^e: terms and Conditions of their present Contract this is y^e: present Case, and y^e: point they Stand at; and the reason they give us for their noncomplyance is y^t: they have found it very troublesome to gett the looms changed to the better makeing of the Severall sorts of cloth they are to provide; we suppose they mean the staces through which the warp passes, for that generall cloth is more wide and thinn in the heart or middle, than it is in the Selvedge, as we have often told them of; they likewise say that had this matter been proposed to them Some months Sooner, they would have readily complyed, and thereby have anticipated the French, Dutch and Danes, that are now as so many competitors, and we cannot deny but that it is partly true what they say, because by the best information we can have, the French Merchants are hastening all they can to bring in all the remaining part of their last years Investment which was at a Stand t[h]rough want of money; and they are very urgent with their Merchants to contract for 100000 pag^s:, but the merchants will not undertake for no more than 30000 pag^s: in five months time: and the Heer Comens Govern^r: of Negapatam hath engaged their Merchants to contract for 80000 pag^s: to be made at Porto Novo, to which place he is suddainly expected or So Soon as the ship he intends to embark upon shall arrive from Battavia: and y^e: better to expedite the same, they have sent back here the Merchants they had so long detayned as 4 years at Negapatam, being in arrear to the Dutch, the acco^tts: of which are now finished, and the merch^ts made D^rs: pag^s: 4500 to the Dutch; which they are to pay at the rate of 10 ℔ cent, out of y^e: intended investment of pag^s: 80000 to be made at Porto Novo, which they are to manage Besides w^ch: the Dutch have already actually contracted w^th: their Merchants at Negapatam for an Investm^t of 100000 pag^s: The Danes likewise at Porto Novo have laid out money for an Investm^t; but how much it is we are not yet informed. Our Merchants say that the late frequent raines hath swelled the Rivers So much to the Southward as that they are not as yett passable, which hinders the comeing in of their cloth, a great part of which are upon y^e: roads, but we shall not be wanting to quicken them to the performance of their Contracts, which they promise shall be done in its due time.

We have on the 10^th: Instant rec^d: into y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Cash, of y^e: Deputy Governour pag^s: 219: 24 for which we have drawn on your honour &c^a: a Bill of Exchange at five days Sight, payable to Mr. Roger Braddyll at Fort S^t: George.

Here have past by on the 11th: Inst: to Pullicherry Road, three French ships, the two largest being men of Warr, and the other their compas: Ship they have brought out cloth, Corrall and Silver, but to what amount we doe not yett well know: & on the 13th: following Monsr: Champmorot come here, & brought a Letter to the Deputy Governour from the Directore Generall Martine, who is now advanced to the Honour and Title of being made the Kings Governour of Pullicherry, which he was not before: by the translate of whose Letter and the narrative of the five men that came along with Monsr: Champmorot your Honour &ca: will underst^d; the unhappy loss of our Honble Masters Ship the Rubie, on the Island of Mayotta; and yesterday the other 7 men of them came here from Pullicherry and the Deputy Governour hath taken their narrative apart by themselves, before they came in company with ye: five men that came along with Monsr: Champmorot as aforesaid, to which papers we referr your Honour &ca:

The news of Dowd Cawns comeing into these parts, is confirmed to us: He Setts us his Staff at Arcott, as the place of his Residence, but Surup Sing Governour of Chingie, stands fixt as he is: We think to withdraw our Spyes from Arcott it being much nearer to your parts to have advices thence, than to us, which charge we would retrench; meantime we have ordered them to send your honour &ca: all needful advices, dureing their Stay there.

A Peon belonging to our Joynt stock Merchants of Cuddalore, is arrived this afternoon from Wooriarpollam, and brings the ill news of yt: towns being surprized, burnt down and quite distroyed by one Narsapa, a Cheife Minister to Mangama, and the Wooriar himselfe with his family narrowly escapeing, are fled and hid themselves somewhere in the Woods if this proves true as related, we fear our Merchants that provide Cloth there may be loosers, the certainty of which we shall better know in a little time more, and probably before we shall seal this letter.

We shall give an answer to your letter of the 10th: Instant recd: this day, soe soon as we shall have discoursed our Merchants concerning what quantity of bales we may depend upon for, to the time you require.

We pray you to send us a coppy of Gunner Emmeds debt as enterd in the West coast books may be sent us; we have desired the same in our last of the 31st: past.

We request your honour &ca: to lett us know what you think fitt to order concerning any to be sent to Pullicherry, to complement that Governour upon the occasion of his new title of honour to whom their King hath sent a new Coat of Arms, and whether your honour &ca: intend they shall goe hence, or to be sent directly and immediately from Fort St George which last, we humbly conceive to be best the like we say concerning the Heer Comens when he comes to Porto Novo, at which place he is to stay above some 8 or 10 days, and thence proceeds to Pullicate, where he is to stay till Christmass next as we hear; which is needful at present untill we write to you again, which may be soon after this We are with all respect.

Honble: &ca:
Yor: Honrs: &ca: most Obedt: Humble: Servants.

WILL: FRASER.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMD: MOUNTAGUE.
RI: FARMER.
TR: GAMES.
ROBT: CRANWELL.
JOHN BERLU.

*P.S.*—The last advices from Wooriarpollam (since the finishing this letter last night) makes not the news so bad as we first heard, there haveing not (that we know of) hapned any detrimt: to our Merchts: as ℘ the Enclosed translate of a Letter &ca:

JNO: BULTEEL SECRY

No : 74. An acco^t: of the ship Rubie from her leaveing England was till she lost on the Island of Mayotta.

*she departs from Engld.* The Ship left the Lizard on the 10^th of May 1699 bound for Bombay in the service of the old Comp^a: being about 400 Tons she mounted 36 Guns and carryed 116 men (the Passeng^rs: being included the names of the Officers and Pass^r: are as followeth

*The names of the officers & Passeng^rs.*

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| Cap^t: John Barber Com^r: | Pass^r: |
| James Bush cheife mate | |
| Rob^t: Snow 2^d Ditto | Ri: Edwards En: |
| Will^m: Crowder 3^d: D^o: | M^r: Shaw Merch^t: |
| Thomas Barber 4^th: D^o: | M^r: Acton Factor. |
| Ben: Preston, Purser. | M^rs: Edwards. |
| John Plummer Doctor. | M^rs: Champion. |
| John Brown Boatswain. | M^rs: Evans. |
| Nicholas Parker Gunner. | |
| Simon Hall Carpenter. | |

*She makes land supposeing to be Johanna.* Having left England about 4 months we made land on the 14^th: of September about 5 in the morning supposing it to be the Island of Johanna and sailed all day along shore for attaining the place having a very fair and easie gale of wind and to gett ourselves in readiness for to come to an anchor we hoisted out our boats about 4 in the afternoon, and sent y^e: yaul out a sounding with the fourth mate in it but before she could come to us we struck upon a rock that lay to the westward of the Island being about five in the afternoon upon this the Cap^t: ordered *She strikes upon a rock.* a stream anchor to be carried out a stearn thinking to heave her of again but before they could gett ready the tide fell soe low that there was not water enough for the boat to goe about 7 a clock the Captaine seeing there could be no good done began to look about for his own Safety and soe took the pinna[ce] and *the Capt: leaves y^e: ship.* Yaul and left the Ship Carrying with him only 3 mates and a few men to row not soe much as the cheife mate knew of his going but still he ordered us to work and to endeavour to gett the ship off next flood about 10 a clock at night the cap^t: comes nigh the ship ordering the Yaul to goe aboard to fetch the best of his Things *The cheife mate orders y^e: men to work, the Capt: comes nigh, sent his yaul on board for treasure to be sent which is accordingly done.* & Sends Commands to the Cheife mate and Purser to break open the Treasure in y^e: bread room they obeyed his orders and Sent him it by the boat what y^e: quantity was noe one can tell it being done privately the captain having received it goes and keeps at a greater distance the men workt all this while till the water came as high as the main, hatchway saw the ship could not be sav'd and seeing the long boat was not sufficient to carry the men, the gunner made a shift to call to the cap^t, being jest in sight desireing him to lend the yaul to save some of the men, expecting the Ship every minute to Split but deneyed her and went out of sight bidding us to make the best we could of the long boat then the cheife mate ordered the men to take arms and gett as many as could in the long boat he *The men goe on shore Some of y^e: men land.* himselfe going along with them (leaveing the Purser and 72 men on board made the best of our way towards the shoar and when we were nigh it we saw the captain who perceiving us to be weary (it being very hott) towd us with his *The land is found to be Mayotta* pinnace as soon as we landed the boat was sent on board for the rest but inquiring what land it was we were told that twas the Island of Mayotta at last the boat *All y^e: men come on shore the treasure all so & is divided.* came on shoar and after severall times going off brought to our knowledge 24 baggs of Dollers and some peices of Cloath but was all damnified the cap^t: took 8 of the baggs and the purser 3 and y^e: rest was divided amongst the men everyones Share came to 125 dollers.

*72 men goe for Johanna they send y^e: boat back for y^e: capt. and y^e: rest but he* After 12 days stay the ship being broke (twas by the Captains [order] given to y^e: King of y^e: Islands) 72 men went for Johanna and arrived there in 24 hours and sent the boat back for the Captaines, and the rest who embark't, but he and severall more dyed in y^e: passage but the boats arrived safe (having been 10 days at sea onely the long boat was staved going in.

When the boats came on shore the Purser took charge of all the captains money and goods and after he had stayed about 7 months he with two [s]cooners one woman and three more went for Muskat in a French Sloop about 14 tons that was taken by the men being a pirate about 2 mons: after the doctor and some more bought a country Junck and went for the same place too at last two French men of war comeing in the beginning of July we gott our passages upon them to Pullicherry we finding our own provisions all ye: way the boatswaine and eight more remains there supposeing an English Ship may come the rest of the men being dead.

and severall died by ye: way at last the boat arrived. The purser goes for Muskatt.

This is the fullest account we can give of the ship Ruby to the best of our knowledge to which we set our hands.

We further call to mind and say that we stay'd about 12 hours in the ship after she struck but after the soldiers were once came on shore they were not permitted to goe on board againe but the sailers went daily as they pleased.

Fort St. David Augt. 15th: 1700. No. 75.

FORT ST DAVID AUGT 15TH 1700

JEREMIAH KENT Soldier.
JOHN EDWARD Ditto.
BENJAMIN YARDLY Ditto.
PETER PARSONS Ditto.
BENJAMIN MORE Armourer.

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No: 75.

Account of the late ship Ruby her being cast away near the Island Mayotta in the service of the Rt: Honble: East India Compa: as followeth.

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| | Passengers Vizt: |
| John Barber, Commr: | Rich: Edwards Ensign |
| James Bush, Chief mate. | Waltr: Acton Factor. |
| Robt: Snow, Second mate. | Will: Shaw Merchant. |
| Willm: Crowder, Third mate. | Mrs: Edwds: Enss: Wife. |
| Thoms: Barber, Fourth mate. | Alice Champn: Do: Sister. |
| Jno: Brown, Boatswaine. | Johanna Evans. |
| Nicholas Parker, Gunnr: | |
| Simon Hall, Carpenter. | |
| Benja: Preston, Purser. | |
| Jno: Plummer, Chirurgion. | |

The cheife officers belonging to the ship.

Left the lands End of England.
Then made the land severall times Vizt:
The Coast of Barbary; The Isld: Teneriffe;

May ye: 10th 1699.

The Coast of Guinea, Soundings off Cape Bon Esperance (but did not see the land) then the land of Natal; Isl; Nova, (where the ship had like to have been cast away) Then the Isld: St: Christopher at day light. This morning made the Isld: Mayotta on the westmost side, the mates not agreeing in their opinions what land it was. The Cheife Mate saying it was the Isld: Johanna, the 2d: mate that it was Mayotta, which the captaine seeing could not tell what to say to it, as having never been in India before as likewise the 3d: & fourth Mates.

See land sevll: times.

Make the Isld: 14th Mayotta.

At one o'th' Clock in the afternoon, they all concluded it to be the Island Johanna, Soe Stood in for ye: harbour, the wind Southerly a fine Small brease, makeing all ye: sail we could right before it, and hoisted out all the boats; and at about 5 of th',' clock in the evening (being about one league off from a small Island lying about ½ League off the North West point of Mayotta) intended for to goe without the small Island; having very little wind and all hands upon deck. The Ship unfortunately struck upon a reif of Rocks, Soe that She was cast away which Soe Soon after as possibly they could, endeavoured to gett her off again, by carrying out a Small anchor a Stearn &ca: means possible but all in vaine, as having an Ebbing Sea: The men continueing on board all night went on shore next morning by break of day, The boats carrying The Capt: Passengers, and all

They all conclude it to be Johanna.

Ship strikes upon ye: rocks & is cast away.

The men goe on shore.

The Officers Ashore, unless the Purser, and with about 22 Seamen who continued on board. The boats not bigg enough to containe all the men at once; The boats did not come off againe till floud, There being little or noe water for the boats to swim in near the Ship, Soe that a man might very well walk round the Ship at low water, The rocks being then vissible just above water, att floud the boats came off, with an order from the capt: that the Purser Should bring ashore Some mony with him, the capt; not having any either to buy provissions, or pay for lodging, which accordingly was done, Soe that all the men got aShore.

The boats goe off as often as they can, and bring ashore Treasure &ca:

how ye: treasure is Divided.

The boats went off as oppertunity presented, which was 4 or 5 Times, bringing aShore Some baggs of Treasure, and pieces of broad cloth and Searges. The baggs of Treasure that came on Shore full were 24; containing about 5 hundred Dollers each; and about one hundred pieces of broadcloth, and about 40 pieces of Searges; of The 24 baggs. of Treasure the Captaine took Eight, The Purser three, and the remaining Thirteen were divided among the Seamen; The Officers having procured enough for themselves, by going on board everytime; Except the Boatswaine and Chirurgion, who did not goe on board after they once gott a Shore.

Intended for Johanna.

arrive There

The boats Returne for Mayotta.

Where they arrive.

The Capt: 2d: 4th: mates with one Woman Dyed 3d: mate Dyed at Johanna also ye: Ensign & his wife.

We continued at Mayotta till ye: 25th: of Septembr: and not expecting to See any Europe Ship during our abode here. We intended to goe to Johanna which was in Sight of Mayotta, and accordingly the Boats went full laden with men; The Captaine and all the Officers e[x]cept the third Mate Staid behind intended to goe when the boats came back againe; and on The 27th: day, about 4 o'th clock in the afternoon arrived at Johanna; and about the 1st: of Octbr: Set out for Mayotta again, and on the 6th; arrived; about three days after the Capt, Officers, &ca: Seamen intended for Johanna leaving about 60 p̃s: of Broad cloth and 35 p̃s: of Searges which was presented to the Headmen of the Island. The boats not able to Carry them, after 5 days Space arrived at Johanna (in wch: passage the Captain Second & fourth mates died as also Mrs: Alice Champion Which when came a Shore we found the third Mate and Severall of the Seamen Dead, and Sometime after, the Ensign and his Wife wth: almost all the men Dyed alsoe.

The purser departs from Johanna in a Sloop wth: Some more wth: him.

About The 12th: day of Aprill the Purser went away in a Small Sloop (that he had [bougt:] of the Governour which taken at an anchor Coming in for water, being a Pirott) carrying aLong wth: him Mrs: Evance: Will: Everett, Cooper, Jno: King Cooprs: ma[te] and Ri: Holden Soldr: for the Honble: Company alsoe Henry Jessine, Coxwain and one Seamen, and intended for The Island Patty, and from Thence to India, He Having taken The Capts: Treasure after his death.

The Doctr: &c Departs allsoe.

The beginning of June The Doctor John Plummer departed hence, and with him, John Dunn Steward, Mattw: Paine, Boatswaines mate, Robt: Thompson Gunners Mate: Hañ: Haunson Quarter Mastr: and Michael Fairless, Edward Moseley, Joseph Crane, John Burnham, Peter: Southerland, all five Seamen, in a large Country boat intended to the places aforesaid Vizt: 1st: to Patty and Thence to India as They told us.

3 French Shipps arrive of whom we begg a passage wch: is granted.

On the 2d: of July, Two French men of War, and one Merchant man, arrived here to recrue and Take in water, of whom we Desired a passage; wch: was granted Eight of us in The Commodore, & four in The other man of war besides two more that came from Mayotta wth: us to Johanna; The Boatswaine with nine more went up in the Country That Same night we came off being unwilling to come with us as Supposed: but for what reason we know not.

On the 11th: of August We arrived at Pullicherry, having buried one of our Consorts named John Greenfield Seamen. On ye: 13th: of August We arrived here.

We y$^{e}$ : Subscribers doe own and acknowledge The above Written relation to be True to y$^{e}$ : best of our knowledge whereunto wee Sett our hands Dated at Fort S$^{t}$: David y$^{e}$ : 15$^{th}$ : of August Anno 1700.

August 15$^{th}$ :

The mark of G : Pet$^{r}$ : Brown Seamen.

BENJ : HOBBS SOLDIER.
THOM$^{AS}$ : HAWKES CAP$^{TS}$ : SECY$^{TY}$ :
THOM$^{S}$ : RO$^{BT}$ : CAP$^{TS}$ : SERV$^{TT}$ :
JN$^{O}$ : JONES SOLDIER.

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TO THE HON$^{BLE}$ : THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$ : METCHLEP$^{M}$ : AUG$^{T}$ : 11 ; 1700.
PRESID$^{T}$ : & GOVERN$^{R}$ : OF FORT S$^{T}$ : GEORGE, &C$^{A}$ :
COUNCILL

Hon$^{ble}$ : S$^{rs}$ :

This comes by the French Pattmar by w$^{ch}$ : you'l receive the news of our arrivall here on y$^{e}$ : 6$^{th}$ : of August about 5 in the afternoon, but M$^{r}$ : Woolstone removed himselfe to y$^{e}$ : new Comp$^{as}$ : Doct$^{rs}$ : house before we came, we have Severall Times Demanded an Acco$^{t}$: of remanes of y$^{e}$: Factory but have rec$^{d}$ : nothing as yet but y$^{e}$ : musters (& of them 2 p$^{s}$ : wanting) & a p$^{s}$ : of perpetuano's as for the diarys Generall Letters Books of Accounts he never had any of them in his possession, M$^{r}$ : Lovell as he beleives he has lock'd 'em up, in his Desk or Trunk and carried the keys with him to Madrass, w$^{ch}$ : Box or Desk M$^{r}$ : Woolstone removed out of y$^{e}$ : Factory, by Mr : Lovells Order before we arrived What M$^{r}$ : Lovell consign'd in it we cannot as yet conceive, but he might have Sav'd us a great deal of trouble had he given us an account where these papers were before we came downe, M$^{r}$ : Woolston Seems to be very willing to goe to Madrass where he Sayes he does not doubt but to give your Honour &c$^{a}$ : a very satisfactory Account of his Behaviour in this place.

N$^{o}$ : 76. Rec$^{d}$ : 24$^{th}$ : D$^{o}$ :

We seeing but little probability of providing any quantity of Goods for Ship Howland in the time limitted in our instructions have dispatcht her for Vizagapatam and desired M$^{r}$ : Holcomb to order her to touch here in her return she Sayled y$^{e}$ : 9$^{th}$ : in y$^{e}$ : afternoon.

The Merchants informs us by Narran that they have twenty Thousand Pag$^{s}$ : of Goods of Such Sorts as M$^{r}$ : Lovell contracted for last. The Maddapollam Merchants about eight Thousand a good part of These goods were measured & Chopt, by M$^{r}$ : Lovell & M$^{r}$ : Woolston.

What difficulties Wee shall meet w$^{th}$ : from the Merchants in Sorting y$^{e}$ : Goods up to Must$^{rs}$ : we cannott as yet inform you they making a clamour about interest for their money & Says they can have 5 Pc$^{t}$ : more of y$^{e}$ : new Comp$^{a}$ : we shall begin Sorting to morrow, & in a very little time Shall give yo$^{r}$ : Hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : a more perfect Account of y$^{s}$ : & other matters.

Narran has delivered your hon$^{rs}$ : Letter to the Governor who gives us his word he will not be wanting in assisting us as much as lay in his power.

We have not as yet rec$^{d}$ : any message or trouble from either Embassador or Consull Soe that we hope we Shall have noe occasion for y$^{e}$ : Soldiers but return y$^{m}$ : to you by Ship Howl$^{d}$ : The Embassador has put on board Ship Somers all his Equipage in order to Sayle for Suratt thô he is mightily importun'd by this Governour & munsubdars from y$^{e}$ : Camp to take his Journey from this place but he is fully resolved for y$^{e}$ : former & will sayle hence this week as we are informed.

This morning we Sent M$^{r}$ : Bugden & M$^{r}$ : Harrison to Maddapollam to take charge of the Factory and orderd M$^{r}$ : Rowland to this place & M$^{r}$ : Frewin designes Thether in three or four days.

If your Hon$^{r}$ : &c$^{a}$ : Designes us to make any Contracts for y$^{e}$ : January Shipping Wee desire a Supply of more money y$^{e}$ : merch$^{ts}$ : alledging y$^{t}$ : y$^{e}$ : new Comp$^{a}$ : gives Them money before hand to distribute to their Weavours & the new

Comp[a]: had made a Contract two days before we arrived here w[th]: y[e]: Maddapollam Merchants For 30 Thousand Pag[s]: & given them Twenty Thousand at Signing Wee have nothing else at Present To inform yo[r]: Hon[r]: &c[a]: but to Subscribe ourSelves yo[r]: Hon[r]: &c[a]: most Obedient hum[ble]: Servants.

Jn[o]: Foquett.
Steph: Frewin.
Joseph: Hiller.
Thom[s]: Faucet.

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Metchlep[m]: 24[th]: Aug[r]: 1700.

To the Hon[ble] Thomas Pitt Esq[r]:
Presid[t]: & Governour, &c[a]:
Councill of Fort S[t]: George.

Hon[ble]: S[rs]:

N[o]: 77. Rec[d]: 4th Sept: do: We received yo[r]: Hon[rs]: &c[a]: of the 7[th]: Currant by the King William the 16[th]: with packett and treasure according to List & Invoice likewise took out 150 piggs of lead and shall as soon as we have conveniences of weighing the same give you Credit for it at 6¼ ℔ Candy thô it is at present sold for 5¼ She sailed from Vizagapatam the 17[th]: in the morning.

M[r]: Woolston haveing informed us that he beleived the Generall Letters diaries &c[a]: were in the Madapollam Cash Chest wee sent for the Chest and broke it open before his face but found nothing in it which he seemed to admire at and told us he had likewise a desk and a Trunk of M[r]: Lowells wee desired him to send them to us he promis'd he would in two or 3 days he comes to us and told us he had found the papers in Lovells Desk but could not deliver them to us pretending they were the only things must justifie him at Madrass he alledges the Hon[ble]: Company are indebted to him for his dyett and M[r]: Rowlands and other expences since the time his Commission ceased wee told him if he would give us an account wee would remitt it yo[r]: Hon[r]: &c[a]: but wee hear he has taken a better security having removed one of the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: bales out of Madapollam Factory and put it in possession of the new Comp[a]: wee demanded of him the reason of his Incloseing the Nabobs Letter to M[r]: Lovell his answer was that haveing sent the Generall Books to him he thought it convenient to send the Nabobs Letter likewise he has so often prevaricated with us that wee have little beleif in what he says and beleive wee shall meet with trouble in getting him to Madrass tho at present he seems to be willing for wee are informed both he and Noden are in the new Company service.

Wee have used our best endeavours with the merchants to bring them to reason they alledge that M[r]: Lovell alwayes sorted to muster that they are the same goods now as then and tho they could not denie but that there was difference in the finess of the cloth yet the goodness of the Chay made amends for that, wee have Embaled about eight or nine thousand Pagodas and doe daily Embale more or less but find none come to muster and therefore have put them under Number 2 and 3 at which they continually make a Clamour saying M[r]: Lovell took the same Goods to the first Number wee have not as yet agreed upon the abatement but the hope to bring it proportionable to the want of goodness wee likewise found severall peices of cloth wanting in length some one coved some two which we turn'd out at which the Merchants were very angry telling us M[r]: Lovell took such in M[r]: Noden being in the ffactory wee inquired of him who told us that M[r]: Lovell had turned out severall Goods for want of length but did afterwards take them in on what consideration he cannot tell wee have examin'd the Bookes and cannot find any abatement on such acco[t].

In our last wee forgett to acquaint your Honour &c[a]: that on our first arrivall wee demanded of the Factory braminy acco[t]: remains who told us that M[r]: Lovell had taken it from him and cut it to peices and Woolston hearing he had preserved a Copy took that from him too.

On the 15[th] instant wee went to visit the Governour Hage Mamud Shake and the Wackaenesse who all received us very kindly the Governour gave us his cowle promised us his assistance and dismist us w[th]: a small Tasheref to each.

On the 15[th] Instant the Embassador went on board ship Summers thô mightily importuned by the Government and Munsubdard from the Camp to take his Journey from hence to which hee would by no means agree to, being possest with an Opinion as wee are informed that your Honour had feed all the petty Governments he was to pass through to hinder and impede his journey; he sailed for Surrat the 23.

Wee found the factory in a miserable Condition and not a place hardly to keep ourselves dry in the upper rooms, the lower rooms not only godowns but lodgings fill'd with grain that in some places it had burst the Walls, by the Moderatest Computation a hundred pagodas will not make good the damage if your Honour &c[a]: designs its reparation with submission wee think it would be the cheapest and best way to send six Carpenters and as many bricklayors from the ffort, for tis very dear here 3 fan[s]: each a day and noe constancy in their work but hurried away sometimes two or 3 times a day by the Government.

On the 24[th] Instant M[r]: Frewen and Narrain went for Madapollam and carried ten thousand Pag[s]: with them and six soldiers to guard it, wee have not else to Inform yo[r]: Honour &c[a]: at present but to subscribe ourselves.

Your Hon[rs]: &c[a]: most Obed[t]: hum[ble]:
Serv[ts]:

Jn[o]: Foquett.
Joseph Hiller.
Thomas Faucet.
John Rowland.

Surat the 8[th] July 1700.

To the Hon[ble]: Thomas Pitt Esq[r]: Presid[t]: &c[a]: Councill for the affairs of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Governour & Comp[a]: of Merchants of London Tradeing to the East Indies on the Coast of Chormandell West Coast of Sumatra &c[a]:

Gentlemen

Wee received yours to us dated the 27[th] Feb[ry]: last & have also by us a Copy of what you wrote the Generall and Councill the day before. N[o]: 78. Rec[d]: 11[th] Sep[r] 1700.

Wee are in expectation of our Acco[t]: with your presidency from the year 1682 which you are pleased to promise.

Wee will send you seeds of all sorts by the first fitt Conveyance.

The Ambassador & Consull Pitts proceedings seem unaccomptable to us, we find they are all of [a] peice & will stick at nothing to prejudice our R[t]: Hon[ble]: Masters, but your Honour &c[a]: and the Gentlemen at Bengall can better deal with them then we because you are your owne masters at large, are not under the scandal of pyracy nor indebted to the natives; whereas wee are subject to those evils, we inclose a Copy of a protest which we sent our worthy Consul the sixth by which you will see how he has acted with us, wee are resolved to oppose him to our utmost & we may ℘haps be hard enough for him: he is reduced to great streights for money to Carry on his Employers affaires & offers to borrow it of the Shroffs but they care not to trust him; he sent home the Norris laden with such trash as wee beleive never went from Suratt before, the Mountague for want of a cargo he was forced to send to Persia on freight & the Rook Galley to be out of the way he sent to China upon a sleeveless errand to cruise for pirates, that Galley wee are informed brought out no more than two Chests of money & no goods so that it seems his masters at home are under a great necessity as he is, wee have great hopes that if a Union between the two Companys doth not happen before the arrivall of our Masters Ships in England from your Coast and ours that were dispatcht last season the new Company will receive a great blow and our R[r]: Hon[ble]: Employers interest will be much advanced.

Wee inclose a Pacquett from the Generall &c[a]: wee doubt not but they have wrote you what news they had by the Loyall Merch[t]:

Wee shall not add at present but remaine.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Your most affectionate ffriends &
humble: Servants

STEPHEN COLT.
E: BENDALL.
JOHN ROBINSON.
THOMAS SOMASTER.
NEW[A]: GARNETT.

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BOMBAY CASTLE MAY Y[E]: 24[TH] 1700.

TO THE HON[BLE]: THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]:
PRESID[T]: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]: HON[BLE]:
ENG[S]: EAST INDIA COMP[A]: &C[A]:
COUNCILL AT MADRASS.

No: 79. Rec[d] 11th Sep[r] 1700. Our last to you was by the Greyhound sloop, dated the 5[th]: of March, yo[rs]: of the 26[th]: Feb[ry]: wee received the 17[th] Instant with all papers mention'd to be inclosed, for which wee give you thanks.

By M[r]: Jn[o]: Pitts paper to you wee ꝑceive that he acts, as proud, & Vainly as S[r]: Nicholas Waite doth at Suratt: Coppy of his Letter to us, as he Past by this port, & our answer to him is inclosed, since he hath not wrote us any Gen[l]: Letter, but gives President Colt all the trouble that his mallice can invent, thô he hath not been able yet to effect any obstruction in our M[rs]: affairs, but hath endustriously endeavoured it, by repeated Callumnies, and falce suggessions, the which producing not the effect, he expected, hath throwne him into a frenzy.

Wee are glad that the means used to stop your Goods at Metchlepatam, proved so ineffectuall.

Wee are heartily concern'd for the loss of the East India Merchant.

From Agent Beard &c[a]: wee received a letter dated y[e]: 30[th]: of Xber, wherein he wrote us that twas probable the Antelope might saile for England in March but they advised us nothing relateing to the Degrave.

Wee heartily wish the Benjamin a prosperous Voyage, and safe arrivall with our Masters. Strict search shall be made for the Atcheen Contract, here & att Suratt: but our Registry is very imperfect, vast quantitys of papers being destroy'd in the Warr.

Wee are much concern'd for your losses at Atcheen, and Burneo &c[a]: and for the bad news that you have from Mallacca, & the Portugueze Ship, if it proves true wee must expect to be again involved, in a labrinth of trouble.

Your letter arrived too late for us to send you any wheate this year, but wee supposed you would be sufficiently supplied by a ship that is freighted by Armenians att Suratt, & is gone from thence to your Port, almost laden with that grain.

Your Pacquet for the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] arrived too late to goe by the Frederick, or by way of Persia, but wee will forward it by the first conveyance that offers.

Wee did about 3 months before receipt of your letter write M[r]: Owen to remitt all his worship Barwell's effects to his Administrators Attourney, as soone as he received his orders, and we will repeat our orders by the next conveighance.

Comodore Littleton in the Anglesey with the Hastings and Lizard sailed hence the 25[th] March bound to S[t]: Lawrence, & Cap[t]: Cock in the Harwich sail'd hence the 2[d] instant: bound as reported to China, or some other part in the South Seas.

The Frederick sailed hence for England the 11[th] instant, her cargo amounts to rup[s]: 559179 : 42[pice]: so that wee have sent home by four Ships this year to the amount of rup[s]: 1874618 : 42 pice.

The 21st of March here arrived before this Port the Rook Galley in the Service of the new Compa: her Commander told us, that the 18th of August, he sailed out of the Downes in Compa: of the Loyall Merchant a Rich Ship in our Masters Service, bound to this Port, but as yet wee hear nothing further of her, nor the Ruby: we had no new News from our Mrs: by the Frederick, concerning the likelihood of a Union between the two Companys neither have wee received any fresh advices from them, overland, nor by the Rook Galley, but Jno: Gayer received a letter from a Private Gentlemen by that Ship, wherein it's wrote that all men did conclude that the two Companys would be united, ere the Parliament mett, and Sr: Nicholas Waite gives out, that he beleives, they are united.

The Cargoes of the new Comps: 3 Ships to this side India hath been magnified to a vast height, but at last according to the best estimation that can be made of them, they dont exceed rups 1100000, the Norris full laden with a very ordinary Cargo, & that dear bought, sailed from Suratt Rivers mouth for England about the 6th or 8th instant & wee beleive, wee saw her off this Island the 12th:, the Mountague is gone on freight to Persia, & the Rook Galley to China, but whether on a Publick or private Accot: wee dont yet hear.

Wee have no Account yet of the arrivall of Sr: William Norrice at Court: Sr: Nicholas Waite hath hoisted the Kings Flagg on the new Comps: Factory at Suratt, which none before him, would ever venture to doe, for that they could not secure it from the rage, and fury of the Moore's; he hath not been able yet, to get our Mrs: of St: George Struck, thô his utmost efforts have been used to effect it, concerning wch: wee presume he hath wrote Sr: William Norris & is, as we hear in hopes to accomplish it, by means of his interest at Court, being resolved as he said to humble us, he sent Capt: Allison Comander of the Norrice with his Long boat full of armed men, to take a small Vessell that President Colt & Councill was sending to the Gulph of Mocho, whereon was an Embassador that came hither from the King of Abbasseigne, & he had certainly taken her, had not Comodore Littleton, who was at the rivers mouth, at the same time interposed his authority: he hath alsoe given orders to Capt: Simons Comander of the Rook Galley, to take a Ship called the Success that President Colt, and his Councill wth: some others have sent to China but wee beleive the Capt: will be wiser then to obey such ordrs: he threatneth also to take all our private Shipping that trade without his Pass; he calls President Colt & Councill traitors threatneth to deliver them up to the Moores, to satisfie their rage, on News of any of the South Seas Fleet, being taken by the Pirates, and Confined one of his Councill, with Capt: Hudson, and another Gentlemen when they were sent with a Message to him, on board the Mountague, threatning to Carry them home in Irons, by which he appears more like a Madman than a publick minister.

Wee can now expect no fresh advices from our Masters till the Raines are past, except wee receive them from you, which wee shall earnestly expect in July.

Honble: Sr: &ca
Your very Loveing Friends

Copy of our last to you is inclosed.

John Gayer.
Jno: Burniston.
William Aislabie.
Benja: Stacey.

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To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: Presidt: & Govr: of Fort St: George & St: David &ca: Councill

Cuddalore ye 7th Sepr: 1700.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Wee hope your Honour &ca: will Pardon the Trouble of this because wee wod: be gladly resolved in a thing wch: seems to us of Importance to our Rt Honble: Masters affaires here, knowing not how soon there may be occasion to make use of the military of this place to defend it, & Therefore Think it necessary, that wee know in whom that Power does lye, whether in the Worspll: Deputy Governour alone to dispose (wch: by his words and actions he has challenged to himself) or if not in him joyn'd with his Councill. Wee know the Honble: President

No: 80 Recd: 12th: Do:

Hattsell issued all orders to y^e: soldiery from himself & Councill and such has been the use here, and y^e : Comissions that wee have seen doe direct soe. Wee had a mind to be satisfy'd wheth^r : Leiv^t : Davis was of y^e : like Tenor, but the Worsp^ll : Deputy Gov^r : Refused us the satisfaction, aserting as aforesaid that it belonged to himselfe onely.

Wee think wee have Reason to desire to be Directed by your Hon^r : &c^a : in y^s : Case & that which has made us to hasten our address about it, at this time is because Leiv^t : Davis did by Direction of the Worsp^ll : Deputy Governour on Friday the 30^th : August attempt to arrest and Confine M^r : Berlu, Comanding y^e : Soldiers to stop and lay hold on him, w^ch : they did but he gott away from them and on the 2^d Instant a Councill being called, M^r : Berlu complained of Liev^t : Daviss offering to confine him, whereon it was desired that Liev^t : Davis might be called and askt why he did soe, but the Worsp^ll : Dep^ty : Governour was pleased to deny that Request, saying he had ordered him soe to doe, with all alledging his Reason for soe doing was, because M^r : Berlu had bin Troublesome to him in his lodgings, by a haughty and Disrespectfull Carriage, (which if true, none of us offer in the least to excuse him for), but he wholly deny'd the allegation & no proof was offer'd of the same.

Thus much wee can say, that such manner of Proceeding against any of the Councill has never been offer'd by the late Presid^t : M^r : Hattsell, and what makes it seem to us the more odd, is, that severall days agoe a question was Prest by Leiv^t : Davis to M^r : Berlu in Presence of some other Company, whether if it sho^d : soe fall out that the Worsp^ll Deputy Governour sho^d : singly of himself order the Officer of the Gaurd to arrest or seize one of y^e : Councill, if such officer must not obey ? and it was answered in the negative by M^r Berlue, who likewise said he might be quickly resolved if he wou'd but looke into his own Commission, and y^t : sho^d : it happen that upon such a bare order the Officer of the Guard sho^d : attempt to arrest or confine him he thought he was not obleig'd to submitt to it soon after this, the Worsp^ll : Deputy Governour Threatned M^r : Cranwell with Confinement telling him likewise that the Millitary was soly at his Comm^d and disposeall.

On some Reports not long since of Surrop Sings being likely to Trouble us : what came to knowledg was advertised to the Worshipfull Deputy Governour when it came to his hands, their were of the Councill near him in the Fort and Thereabouts, but he was not pleased to send to them but Dispatcht Leiv^t : Davis away w^th : a Party of men to the extent of the bounds, nor had Leiv^t : Davis as he has own'd since, soe much as a Tittle of a written order for his ventureing soe many men, tis true there hapned to be no worke for them, & soe they returned home.

If your Honour &c^a : doe thinke that the Issueing out orders and the other Points Relateing to the Soldiers before exprest, does lye in, and ought to Proceed from the Worsp^ll : Dep^ty : Governour onely, wee begg wee may be advised that wee may Conforme ourselves accordingly well knowing theres nothing more improper then Mistakes in Those kind of Affaires, when time to, may Require that all that can be, sho^d : have bin knowne before, & tis not Improbable but wee may be soon^r : disturbed from abroad, Then some thinke off, therefore hope yo^r : Hon^r : &c^a : will Pardon the Trouble of this from

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your most Humble Servants
ROB^T : CRANWELL : JN^O : HAYNES
JOHN BERLU : EDM^D : MOUNTAGUE
TR. GAMES

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To THE HON^BLE : THOMAS PITT ESQ^R : FORT S^T : GEORGE SEP^R : 17^TH : 1700.
PRESID^T : &C^A : COUNCILL

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

N^o : 81. Presented 17^th Sep^r : 1700. Since it is my design to return (w^th : your Hon^rs : &c^a : permission) for England, it will be requisite to have sometime to make preparation for the Voyage Ship Howland on which I design to take my passage being so near her dispatch.

I therefore request your Hon^r: &c^a: Councill that I may have the priviledge of laying down the companys service as accustomary.

I am
Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a: Your most humble Serv^t:
H: Marshall.

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To the Hon^ble: Thomas Pitt, President & Governour of Fort S^t: George &c^a: Councill. Metchlepatam Sep^r: 9^th: 1700.

Hon^ble: S^rs:

Wee received your Honours &c^a: of the 27^th: ultimo the 6^th: instant with the two hogshead Arrack for which shall give due Credit M^r: John Foquet does acknowledge that M^r: Lovell before he came away did desire him to take care that his things might be delivered his Servant Vincaty but he had given other Injunctions to Woolston and his servant both or elce he need not to have been so cautious in the delivery of the Letter sent by him to Woolston for wee demanded of his servant severall times whether or noe he brought any letter for Woolston who utterly denyed it and offered to give his Oath but when he heard that Woolston had Acknowledged the Letter his excuse was that M^r: Lovell was his old Master and had laid a great charge upon him to deliver it Very privately, now how could Lovell be reall in his Intentions of M^r: John Foquett takeing care of his things when he had given order sometime before our arrivall for Woolston to remove them to the truth of which he offered to give his oath but the things wee suppose he meant was his Cott and old shoes w^ch: was all wee found of his in the factory att our arrivall: N^o: 82. Rec^d: 21st: Sep^r: 1700.

On the 7^th: Instant wee sent Mess^rs: Faucet and Rowland with M^r: Lovells Letter to M^r: Woolston, inclosed comes M^r: Woolston's answer with his Acco^t: Currant the last Article of the Credit side yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: may see what is become of the Maddapollam bale of Long Cloth, wee have already embaled [61]bales w^ch: may amo^t: to about 18 or twenty Thousand Pag^s: and wee expect 35 Bales from Maddapollam every hour haveing already Rec^d: their Invoice w^ch: amounts to about Seven thousand Pagodas.

Wee shall take due observance of what yo^r: Honour &c^a: write about the chay Goods and shall provide very few or none for the January Shiping.

In the Bookes last made up by M^r: Lovell Quollo Narso has credit for Pag^s: 258 : 30 : 4 which money he is very earnest for he saying he owes it to the Gunny Merchants for ropes &c^a: for the Comp^a: use wee have lett him have one hundred Pag^s: of it and desire Yo^r: Honour &c^a: order whether shall pay him the Ballance.

Inclosed comes M^r: Rowlands acco^t: Charges at Maddapollam commencing June 17^th since which he has rec^d: not one cash from Woolston yet in his Honest acco^t: Currant he charges both factorys with dyett & Servants wages to the p^mo: August neither has he rec^d: any Sallary since March 1699:

The Howland and King William are both arrived in Vizagapatam the latter the 20^th: Ultimo and wee expect the former every hour.

Wee have this day rec^d: advice that Cawn Bux has gott the Government of Gulcondah & that Rustan Delil Cawn is under him unto whome the present Seer lasker is nearly related and therefore very likely to continue in his Government.

Wee herewith return M^r: Lovells key of his desk. Wee have not elce to communicate to yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: save to subscribe ourselfes.

Yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: most Obed^t: Hum^ble: Serv^ts:
John Foquett.
Joseph Hiller.
Thomas Faucett.
John Rowland.

METCHTEEPM : SEPTEMBER YE : 9TH 1700.

No : 83 Recd : 21st Sepr : 1700. Wee being appointed to deliver a letter to Mr : Woolston the 7th : Instant with Mr : Lovells key, desir'd to have his Desk & Trunk open'd wch : he consented to, but absolutely refused the delivering anything to us, the Desk and Trunk he said he kept because Mr : Lovell ought him money, that he had severall times writt to him about it, yet he took no notice of it, so he was resolved to secure himselfe, besides he had passed his word for a sum̃ of money that Mr : Lovell owes the Consull, which in Honour he was bound to pay, what related to the Company he said was Generall Letters, and those he would keep to justifie himself; it being dark it (& he not calling for a light & he not seeming willing at first to have the Desk open'd) wee could only look superficially over, the Desk was full of Papers tyed together, the middle drawer wee could not open, in the trunk wee saw no Papers, Cloths & Linnen &ca : he said Mr : Lovell sent a Letter by Ship Howland, to secure his Desk & Chest Wee inquir'd if he writ to have'em taken out of the Factory, he answer'd he writt to have'em secured & his Dubash would assist in getting'em on board ship to send e'm to him, Wee then desir'd he would please to shew us yt : Letter but he refused saying it would be no advantage to us, he delivir'd us his Accot : Currt : & Sd : he would waite on Mr : Foquett on Munday morning wch : he would have done before but his Lameness had prevented.

THOMAS FAUCETT.
JOHN ROWLAND.

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MADDAPOLAM SEPR : 5th : 1700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDT : FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT : HONBLE : COMPANY & GOVR : OF FORT ST : GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL.

Honble : Sr : &ca :

No : 84 Recd : 21st Do. On the 25th past the Cheif arrived here with Narran and six Topaz soldiers as a guard for the better security of 10000 Pags : belonging to the Rt : Honble : Company which he brought along with him, haveing been advised by Messrs : Bugden and Harrison of a quarrell between the Rashwar and Governour of Narso Poor wherein the latter had his son and severall others kill'd, but at present they are all quiett, and we have return'd the soldiers to Metchlepatam.

That night the cheif arrived, Rango Raaz the Rashwaar sent us word he intended next day to visitt us in the Factory whereupon his comeing wee with the advice of Narrain, presented him with a Gold chaine, Fine broad cloth, and some Flint Ware to the value of about seaventy Pags : with which he went away very well satisfy'd, makeing large promises that the Rt : Honble : Companys business should goe on as formerly and invited us to his House in the Evening where he presented us with a Horse of abot : Sixty Pagodas value which wee were very unwilling to accept of, being sencible it wod : increase our Charges, and that another Present would be Expected from us in return but could not prevaill tho we told him wee could not make him any returns without orders from yor : Honour &ca : but he answer'd that haveing Presented the new Company with a horse, it would not look well if he did not present us with the like, being his old friends & that he would be content with what yor : Honr : &ca : should order him in return; but the next day he sent for Narran, and desired him to acquaint us that he was goeing up the Country to his Master Mirza Cawne the Cheif Renter of all these parts, and if he should hear of the Present we had made him would expect part therefore desir'd wee would take it all again, except the Gold chaine vallue 33 Pags : and three Flint Rosewater bottles and give him 67 Pags : in money which would doe him a greater kindness, to which with the advice of Narran wee consented, for the following reasons Vizt :

1 Now wee have made Ranga Raaz our friend there will be no occasion to send the Letter yor : Honr : &ca : Wrote to Mirza Cawne which must have been accompanyed with a handsome present, tho he seldom comes to this place, but leaves the whole management of the Countrys hereabout where all our Cloth is

made to Ranga Raaz in whose power it is to stop our business when he pleases, and it would be a great charge and hindrance to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Companys affairs to send to his Master for redress on all occasions, which now we hope there will be no occasion for, he haveing given his Cowle Copy whereof comes inclosed that our business shall goe on as formerly with all our antient Priviledges.

2$^{ly}$ Hee has promis'd us that he will not expect any more Presents for himself or any of his people upon any Acco$^{tt}$: till this time twelve moneth which if he keeps, wee hope your Honour &c$^{a}$: will not think us extravigant, considering t'is att our first comeing.

We have sorted and Embaled all the Cloth the Merchants had brought in on M$^{r}$: Woolstons Contract amounting to Pag$^{s}$: 4267: 18 which comes by this conveyance being Bales 22 with 13 Bales made up by Mr: Woolston, but the Godown Conocoply acquaints us that M$^{r}$: Woolston did pack up 14 Bales and sometime after did unpack one Long Cloth fine N$^{o}$: 1 and put it into his Chest which he removed out of the factory to Sanco Narsos house, which Sanco Narso does acknowledge that it was there sometime but afterwards removed by M$^{r}$: Woolstons order to the New Companys Factory where wee suppose it does Remain of which wee have advised the cheif and Councill of Metchlepatam who return for answer that they beleive if Consull Pitt were acquainted with it he would order the delivery, but fear if M$^{r}$: Woolston should come to hear of it that it might prevent his comeing to their Factory, and they should Loose the oppertuniy of secureing him in order to send him to your Honour &c$^{a}$: by this conveyance if they doe not demand it of Consull Pitt at Metchlepatam, wee shall when he comes here being expected down in a few days.

The Merchants made great complaints of our sorting their fine long Cloth, and said they should be great loosers by it, being unwilling wee should sort any more, upon which wee sent for one of M$^{r}$: Woolstons Bales, which wee found much inferior to the muster he had sorted them to, and doe suppose that to be the reason of the Merchants beleiveing wee had dealt hardly by them wee haveing sorted all to N$^{o}$: 2: 3: wherein wee have done them no wrong but enquireing of the Conocoply how M$^{r}$: Woolston sorted to make all his Bales N$^{o}$: 1 he declares that he putt all to No. 1 without turning out one peice which bales wee have marked w$^{th}$: a Cross for distinction.

The Merchants had alsoe in the Factory Godownes one Bale of Book percollas which they had provided for the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: and was Chopt by M$^{r}$: Rowland w$^{ch}$ wee at first refused to take in, M$^{r}$: Woolston haveing already taken in more of that sort then was contracted for and the R$^{t}$ Hon$^{ble}$: Company haveing order'd that no more of them should be sent home, but upon consideration that they had provided them with their own money for the Company, and that on our refusall they will Carry them to the new Company, wee agreed (it being but a small quantity), to take them in att Pag$^{s}$: 17½ ℔ Corge, they are most of them as good as N$^{o}$: 1 but wee have put them all to N$^{o}$: 2. On the 31$^{st}$: past wee adjusted the acco$^{tt}$: of M$^{r}$: Woolstons Contract with the Merchants upon which they brought in 1222 Pagodas more then contracted for, and paid them the Ballance of their acco$^{tt}$: being Pag$^{s}$: 4312 and at the same time they signed a new Contract (copy whereof comes inclosed) for 6000 Pag$^{s}$: deliverable in December next and allso made a proposall for the delivery of 24000 Pag$^{s}$: of Goods in August next, which proposall comes Inclos'd for yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: approbation.

The Merchants have charged the Comp$^{a}$: in their Acco$^{t}$: 1½ Pag$^{s}$: ℔Corge for washing their fine Long Cloth tho it is mention'd in their Contract with M$^{r}$: Woolston that they should be at the charge of washing and cureing the cloth but they say, tho it is mention'd in the contract it was always customary for the Comp$^{a}$: to be at the charge and we doe find that M$^{r}$: Woolston has allowed it them for what they did sort, but wee would not till they had promised that if your Honour &c$^{a}$: did not allow of it they would repay it, to which they agreed and waite your Hon$^{rs}$: answer.

Inclosed is a List of Peons and servants wee have entertain'd for the Factory, which with submission we think is no more then what is absolutely necessary to

keep up the credit of our R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Masters which wee shall doe with as little charge as possible but are afraid that wee cannot bring it much under 70 Pag$^{s}$: a month tho not to exceed it.

Wee did at our first arrivall discharge the country musick as an unnecessary charge to the Company but it caused such a jealousie among the Merchants that wee were only come to gett in the remaines of y$^{e}$: old Contract and soe withdraw, that they were shie of comeing to the Factory which Narran acquainting us with, wee thought it convenient to reEntertain them, till wee were a litte better settled, and then to discharge them if your Honour &c$^{a}$: did not think fitt to allow of them.

The House is not so much out of Repair as wee expected, and do design after the Raines to repair it, wherein wee shall be as frugall as possible, and shall doe nothing to it but what is absolutely necessary.

Narran has been very serviceable to us here, upon all Acco$^{tts}$: and wee have no reason to think but that he had done his utmost Endeavours to serve the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: he went from hence the 1$^{st}$: Instant for Metchlepatam. If your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: thinks fitt that wee shall keep the horse here that was presented the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Company we desire you would send us some furniture for him, haveing none. By mistake at the Fort, the Chop of Fort S$^{t}$: George was put up instead of that of Maddapollam which wee desire your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to send us and wee will return this.

We have this day dispatch'd a Boat to Metchlepatam with our Bales being 35 amounting to Pag$^{s}$: 6904: 16: 3: in order to their being Laden on Ship Howland w$^{ch}$: wee here is arrived there, wee are.

Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:
Your most Obed$^{t}$: hum$^{ble}$: Serv$^{ts}$:

STEPHEN FREWIN.
EDM$^{D}$: BUGDEN.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.

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VIZAGAP$^{M}$: Y$^{E}$: 20$^{TH}$: JULY 1700.

TO THE R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$: PRESIDENT & GOV$^{R}$: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: ENG$^{S}$: EAST INDIA COMPANY &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

No: 85. Ship Rubie importing here y$^{e}$: 18$^{th}$: brought us the Hon$^{r}$: of yours of y$^{e}$:
Rec$^{d}$: 26th 8$^{th}$: with the severall inclosed & we shall give the necessary answer to the
Sep$^{r}$: 1700. Paragraphs of the Comp$^{as}$: & Auditors Letters on return of the Europe Ship.

The 10000 Pag$^{s}$: we have rec$^{d}$: & credited your account for the same and shall deliver it the Merchants, as soon as the Country is at quiet the Revolutions whereof since our last have been much increased but hope now will be soon at an end by a disunion among the Rajahs w$^{ch}$: has given the Moores forces an oppertunity of entering the Country & retakeing Cassamcoat but it wholly impeeds our business the flying ℘ties both of the Moors & Natives raging too & fro & pillaging where they come causing all people to desert their habitations & fly to the woods with their goods &c$^{a}$: for protection.

When we Contract with our Merchants we shall observe your directions in stateing the prices of all goods to their intrinsick vallue & not follow a proportion as formerly.

Wee still continue our good Correspondence with all parties and have suffer'd nothing by these Revolutions more then the obstructing our trade, which the Dutch and their Merchants have, both in their Purses and Reputations.

Wee must desire yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to send us as soon as possible 20 Candy of Powder and 30 Candy of Lead the Nabob being very instant with us for such a supply, what we had in the Factory we have spar'd him reserveing onely a small matter for our defence which he has accepted kindly and allows its vallue in the town Rents.

Wee shall embrace the first convenient oppertunity for obtaining the Roccas you desire and forward them to Metchlepatam as directed, and forbear corresponding any more with Mr: Woolston since he has been so disingenious and base as to be tardy in his fidelity to his Employers.

Pags: are now worth here 350 & when they lesson that esteem we shall be sure to give your Honr: &ca: the necessary and timely advice.

Wee shall return the Howland as you direct with the Benjamins Gunnies, Ropes &ca: and what you desire from hence & if we can get our goods from Byramporum we hope you will then find our Merchants arrears pretty well discharg'd thereby.

Ship Rubie was dispatcht according to your desire and we requested Mr: Dolbens demands may be comply'd with. Wee entreat your Honr: &ca: to give us a more ℘ ticular account relateing to the Companys answer to our letter ℘ the Madrass not apprehinding what you mean thereby and then we shall give as perticular and sattisfactory an answer as possible.

Our Books Letter P will come ℘ the Howland as also those ending last Aprill, if your Honr: &ca: will send us either Jentue or Persian coppys of the Roccas you desire for Metchlepatam we will endeavour to get them pen'd accordingly and wch: incloseing our last months Account Cash is the present needful from.

Rt Honble: &ca:
Your most Obedient Humble: Servants
Simon Holcombe.
Samuel Owen.
Thomas Stables.

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Calcutta July 10th 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt
Esqr: Presidt: for affairs of
the Rt Honble: Engs: East India
Compa: of the Coast of Chormandell
West Coast &ca: & Governour of
Fort St. George &ca: Councill.

Srs:

Wee have little of Import to Advise except that the Chambers Frigat and Fame from England arrived in Ballasore Road ye 22th and 26th May. The Latter having the good Fortune to touch at your place and President Eyre the Honour of your good Companys on shore we shall not trouble you with the repetition of what news offered when he left England because you had it from himself when with you. No: 86. Recd: 29th Sepr: 1700 ℘ Ship Howland.

Wee are very impatient for the arrivall of the Anna and Colchester and begin to think it long ere they arrive they being ready to leave Gravesend when the Fame left the Downs, but we much more admire that the King William and Howland were not arriv'd with you the 12th of last month the former being ready to sayl in a day or two after the Chambers Frigat left Cales and the latter left the Downs with the Fame In consideration whereof we hope 'twill prove an advantage to our Honble: Employers the Fame and Chambers Frigat touching on your Coast in regard you have had some timely Intimations of their designs, whereas on the Contrary your thoughts wod: have been perplext for want of news from [the] Fatherland.

Wee have not followed Sr Edwards method at his first comeing in spending 2 months time without doing any business, but have Contracted with our Merchants for Goods to the Amount of 1500000 Rupees and have delivered them the greatest part of our Treasure that came by these Shipps rather then hinder our Investment by staying for money from the mint and have a prospect at present of procureing Bales enough for at least 3 Shipps one to be dispatch'd in Sepr:

another in Xber and the other in February and if your Honour &c[a] : think you shall have more bales on your hands then you can lade on the King William and Howland we say then we may be able to dispatch all 4 Shipps home this Season, for wee presume we shall have enough to half lade the 4[th] : Shipp which we shall send up to you in January if you give us any encouragement that you can fill her up with you, 400 Bales we presume will doe, but if you shall not have more bales then tonnage upon your hands, upon your advices we shall look out for a Persia Freight for one of the Shipps.

The Disputes and Contests that happen'd formerly between the Agent and Councill and S[r] : Edward Littleton &c[a] : you have been fully advis'd of, they have been very quiet ever since having not rec[d] : either Line or Message from them their haughty tempers being much abated since the arriveall of our Shipps. S[r] : Edward is soe far Cast down and dejected that he keeps House, and the Merchants are under as great concern for their Money seeing they have no ships arriv'd, and which is worse they have deny'd to lend him money for their Generall Expences putting him off with Excuses that they have no money, so that notwithstanding the great noise and stirr they have made of their approaching greatness and the Vast Treasure they had coming on divers ships the Natives have but a very mean opinion of them beleiveing their Circumstances not to be Such as has been represented ; Neither will the 2 Ships when they arrive gain them much reputation for one Ships Treasure will hardly pay their debts which are considerable at least Rs. 300000 : and the other Ships Treasure will load home but one Ship and they can expect but little Credit from the Merchants who having been once Impos'd upon will be very Cautious and shy how they run into the same Error againe.

S[r] : Edward has at last w[th] : great Expence procured the Prince his Nishaan for their trade Conformable to that of our Masters, but wee are Inform'd they have given security that if within such a limit of time they doe not procure the Mogull's Phirmaund they will pay Rs. 3000 for every ship which will be a great inconvenience and charge to them before they have done. Their Ship the Antelope is refitted and now fallen down towards Rungafullah about half loaden from whence they design to fill her up with her old Cargoe and Dispatch her for England in August, she has touchd the ground twice or thrice comeing from Hugly to this place but they say has gott no hurt.

Wee shall now reply to what needful in yours of the 3[rd] Aprill and 6[th] May your acknowledgeing the receipt of ours of the 26[th] August induces us to beleive you have received that of the 28[th] August by the same Conveyance w[th] : Account Currant Fort S[t] : George as it stands in our Books R R Commencing Aprill 30[th] : 1699.

Inclosed wee send you the Warehouse keepers reasons and answers why this place is not chargeable for what came short in the packing stuff by the Benjamin to your place and think what he says in that Case is very Equitable.

Our Employers have been pleas'd to send over this year a sufficient Number of Factors and Writers so that we hope we shall have no occasion to trouble your Honour &c[a] : any further on that score.

Wee think as your Honour &c[a] : say that S[r] : Edwards time had been better taken up in minding the Main chance then in contending for power and Authority which we don't understand they have a right to till our Masters time is Expired as the Act of Parliament seems to intimate.

The Pacquet which you mention you did not receive Causes us to send you Abstract of the Invoice by the East India Merchant that you may give us Credit for the Amount thereof.

Wee shall send you some Silk Worms in December (when we beleive they may live to your place) in case you doe not returne the Necauds to us in the meantime as you seem to Intimate, Also shall endeavour to persuade two or three Ruffagurs to come to you who being Mohometans may be the sooner prevailed with thô none of these people care much to leave their Native Country.

Wee humbly thank your Honour &c[a] : for your promise of Redwood for we have not a stick in the house and want some now for the Chambers Frigat.

Enclosed comes an Account to what time Mr: Ravenhill was paid his salary as also an Account sallary due to Mr: George Crook deceased Payable in England.

The Money due from Mr: Samuell Meverell Deceas'd to Mr: John Pownsett deceas'd is paid according to the Warrant to the order of Messrs: Wright and Frewin Attourneys to Nathaniell Higginson Esqr:

We feare we shall not get rid of the Prince so soon as expected however we are in peace with all at present which being the needfull we Conclude

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble and Faithfull Servants

Charles Eyre.
John Beard.
Jonan: White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

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Reasons why this place is not Chargeable for the Gunnies, ropes, Twine and Rice wch: the Warehouse keeper at the Fort advises was short of the Invoice and Bill of Lading ℘ ship Benjamin. No: 87. Recd: 29th Septr: 1700.

The Weighable Goods was inspected by the Purser of the said ship as Usuall, with some allowance of over-weight Therefore the ship should be Charged with it Except allowance for the co[ar]se Rice wasting the Voyage And it's probable the Difference of the Ropes, and twine, was occasion'd by the Unlading part thereof at Vizagapatam to make roome for their Bales. But that 400 ps: Gunnies fine and 8 Baggs of fine Rice was Recd: short Can no ways Concern this place there being no exception in the Capt: Bill of Lading which agrees with the sloops and Purkaes Receipt as well as his Boat Swaines, for so many Bundles each qt: 25 peices Gunnies fine as well as the Baggs of fine Rice.

Jonan: White.

Calcutta July, the 5th 1700.

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List of the Pacquet to Fort St: George Overland.

No. 1. Bengall Generall ... ... ... ... Dated 10th July 1700.
2. Coppy of Ditto ... ... ... ... Dated 27th March 1699/1700.
3. Copy of Ditto ... ... ... ... Dated 12th Do.
4. Abstract of Ship East India Merchts: Invoyce.
5. The Warehouse keepers report concerning the goods that was recd: short at ye: Fort ℘ ship Benjamin.
6. Mr: George Crookes Accot: salary payable in Engld: also a memorandum to what time we paid Mr: Ravenhill his sallary here.
7. Warrant of the Court of Admty: Directed to the Agent of Bengall Dated the 9th Aprill 1700.
8. List of the Pacquet.

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To the Rt: Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: Presidt: & Governour for affairs of the Rt: Honble: Engs: East India Compa: &ca: Councill. Vizagapm: Sepr: ye: 4th 1700.

Rt: Honble: &ca:

Our last was of the 26th July since which we have been Hond: with yors: of the 27th Do: ℘ the ship Howland & 7th August ℘ ye: King William and from the latter have recd: the Treasure & Lead as ordered the wt whereof is 427 : 3 : 4 (Cwts qrs. lb) & have carried the Amount of both to your Credit in our Books. No: 88. Recd: 29th Sept: 1700.

Wee have now laden on this ship Callicoes &ca: as ℘ Bill of Lading and Invoice inclosed to the amount of Pags: 11079 : 7 : 3 which we desire your Honour

to credit us for, & your Honour &ca: will also receive by us the Gunnies Ropes &ca: recd: from the Benjamin whose Contents are specifyed in Bill of Lading, had we recd: our Goods from Byramporum & for wch: Mr: Holcombe on purpose sent one of his ships our Merchants arrears had been now pretty nigh if not all clear'd but you may expect full satisfaction ℘ the King William. The Moors still continue victorious & severall of the Rajahs have made their peace & waited on the Nabob & recd: tasheriffs from him so that the Country begins to be now again settled for the people begin to return from the woods to their habitations so that after the dispatch of this ship wee shall treat with our Merchants of a new Investment of wch: wee shall be sure to give your Honour &ca: the timely and necessary advice.

Wee now return our answer to the paragraphs of the Rt: Honble: Compas: and Auditors Letters as promis'd in our last & herewith remit the Coppies of our Books Lre P your Honour &ca: had also had our last years Books but that Mr: Owen has of late been much afflicted with his old distemper but you may rely on them God willing by the King William.

Mr: Owen being here often indispos'd desires your Honour &cas: ℘mission for his comeing to the Fort to seek some means for the recovery of his Health.

Wee gladly received the advice of our Masters success against their new opposers & wish a Constant series thereof may attend all their undertakeings.

We observe the Settlement of Metchlepatam & Maddapollam Factrys: & shall correspond with Messrs: Foquett Frewin &ca: as occasion requires and and obtain the Rocca's you desired when oppertunity ℘sents we have order'd this ship to call on them in her way they requesting it of us, advising us they were able to effect nothing on their first arrivall.

On the 28th Ultimo we recd: a large Pacquet from the Agent & Councill of Bengall for your Honour &ca: wch: wee have remitted you ℘ this Ship.

Wee have sent you what Broad Cloth Aurora &ca: we can spare as ℘ Invoice Inclosed & have took care of its passage as you recommended.

We have recd: from Capt: Braddyll 10 Barrells of Powder to be repaid by your Honour &ca: on his return to Madrass.

We have ℘mitted some Goods to be laded on this ship on ffrt: as ℘ List inclosed the terms whereof to be adjusted by your Honour &ca: Councill.

Wee inclose our accot: cash for the month of July & Remaine

Rt: Honble: &ca:
Yor: most faithfull humble: &
Obedient Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMs: STABLES.

Since writeing the foregoeing we have likewise recd: of Capt: Prower 10 barrells more of Engs: Powder wch: we desire your Honr: &ca: to sattisfie him for, & for which our Warehousekeepr: has given him a receipt.

Sepr: 7th:

The ship being detain'd by contrary winds wee have made up more 12 bales & inserted them in our Invce: & Bill of Lading.

Yor. humble : Servts:

S. HOLCOMBE.
S. OWEN.
T. STABLES.

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No: 89 Recd: 29th Sepr: 1700. The Answer of Simon Holcombe Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam to the paragraphs of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Genl: Lres Dated the 21st: November & 20th Decr: 1699 relateing to ye: Factory.

8th Yor: Honrs: Information of the State of Vizaga[patam] ffactory with submission has been imperfect noe part of the Country haveing been more subjeet to

revolutions than this place haveing been for these many years past oppressed with Warr, ffamine, and Scarcity of Cotten as the Registred Dyaries and Consultations (Coppyes of which we suppose has been sent your Honrs :) will manifest however wee neither have or shall to the best of our abilitys be deficient in affording a proportionable Supply to your Honrs: Shipping.

We Observe your Honrs: adjustment of Accots: with Mr: Dubois but must 11th.
presume to infer your Honrs: have been misinformed therein, as to Mr: Holcombes Voluntary receipt of Sanketna's and Coriga Lingona's Obligations as good and Substantiall Bonds & that esteeming them as Soe he entered them in your Honrs: Bookes as good Debts, for the Occasion of yr: comeing under that Character comes from Messrs: Holcombes and Barwells proceeding to state the Accots: of the ffactory on their Arrivall in Order to your Honrs: haveing a true account of your estate under their charge, when being wholly strangers to the Place and people they required of Mr: Dubois for the exact framing and carrying on their account wch: of those many Debts in the Rt: Honble: Compa: Books would come under the heads and distinctions of good Debts wch: of Doubtfull, & wch: desperate, wch: List he having delivered in and averred to have done it to the best of his Knowledge, 'twas ordered to be entered accordingly in yor: Honrs: bookes, and this is ye: sole and true Accot: & reason of their being enter'd as good debts in the Books of Accots: but time & Experience made them as irrecoverable & improper to be enter'd under that Character as Melick Saybs, Backerapunda's, ffrancisco de Silvas, &ca of which Mr: Dubois knew as well as of these not anything would ever bee recovered, but yet further Mr: Holcombes Comission extended onely to the Examination of Perticulars and makeing Report thereof to the President and Council at the ffort, and not to the decission of any matter, and therefore he could onely represent things as they were made to appear to him and not Oblidge Mr: Dubois to have answered the money till there was a heareing & determination before the President and Councill, and as to the Methods yor: honours mention we never yet knew it Practicable in India because a new Cheif would be lyable thereby to many inconveniences for being a stranger to the place his Predecessor (if Knavishly inclined) has the Opportunity of imposeing and ffathering many ffalsityes upon him, however had any of this money been recoverable yor: Honors: Expectations should have been fully answered in Mr: Holcombe who has even recovered some of the debts accounted and stated by Mr: Dubois as desperate.

The whole expence of Mr: Brownes horse is charged by Mr: Dubois in the 12th
Account deliver'd Mr: Holcombe in the following sumes Vizt.

| | RS. | CO. |
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| ffrom ye 15th: 7br: 89 ye day ye ffactry: was taken to ye 15th Augt: 90 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 88 : | 42 |
| ffrom ye 15 Augt: to ye . . . 17th Novr: Do ... ... | 33 : | 35 : |
| ffrom ye 17 Novr: to ye: . . . 17 Aprill 91 ... ... | 56 : | 28 |
| ffor charges Overland ... ... ... ... ... | 50 : | ... |
| Rylls: | 231 : | 5 |

so that yor: Honrs: &ca: are to demand the amount of Mr: Dubois [bond :] of him and the Trustees no wayes concern'd in that Account.

Whither Mr: Dubois was acquainted with his servants receipt of the 100 13th
Pags: before Mr: Holcombes arrivall or not wee cannot determine but beleive the contrary because servants are generally shy in makeing their Masters acquainted with affairs of that Nature.

The Business of Cattamura Paddon Abuda was transacted by Mr: Barwel in 14th
Mr: Holcombes absence at the ffort, and his reasons for the same entered in folio 13: of Journall K: to wch: referr soe doubt not your Honrs: Justice of acquitting Mr: Holcom[b]e thereof.

ffor Buddy Narran & Compa: standing indebted such a sume, as also for its 18th
delivery of the Nine thousand Pagodas more for goods, wee must refer yor honrs:

to our Diarys and Consultations where we have never Omitted to enter all things dayly and where we hope our reasons will prove sufficiently satisfactory & would Mr: Auditor upon any such surpriseing entryes in yor: Generall Bookes give himself the trouble of overlooking the Diaryes for ye: reasons of said Perticulers they would not appear possibly such matters of admiration to him. The Occasion of Buddy Narrans &ca: Debt being encreased to that Bulk has been by a constant succession of warr, and ffamine, Seconded with a Scarcity of Cotton wch: has made them unhappily loosers by severall contracts notwithstanding wch: they will by this present Shipping clear most if not all their arrears & yor Honrs: will in the conclusion be noe further sufferers thereby then by a detention of your money in their hands longer then the limited time of contract specified, which for the reasons aforesaid could not possibly be avoided & notwithstanding how they may have been represented to your honrs: you may rest assured we will (God willing) see your honrs: reimburs'd as you expect. The report and Character of Buddy Narran to yor: Honrs: has proceeded from a ꝑson either Ignorant or prejudiced for he was not dismissed the Dutch service for any Misdeameanour or disreputation but upon the Comissaryes comeing to Bimlepatam where he was Cheif Merchant not answering his Expectation or his Dubasshes wth: suitable Pishcasses & in wch: one of ye: Punda Merchants: was more Liberal he was ordered to resigne this place to him and if hee pleased to accept of the station of 2d: Merchts: but wch: he refused cleareing his accot: and had a fair discharge & his reputation is as good as any Merchts: on this Coast and he is as capaple of serveing yor: Honrs: otherwise we should not entertaine him, and the report of his being a Creature & Toole of Mr: Holcombes is altogether ffalse further then it consists with your Honrs: Interest.

19th: As to the Retrenching the annuall Expences of the ffactory to 700 Pags: 'tis impossible and soe we have formerly writ ye: Honble: Presidt: & Councill yor: cheif Dubashes, Braminyes, Egybs, and Persia Writers annuall sallary amots: to 1/3 of that sum̃, we are and shall be as frugall in our Expences as possible and the cheif has obliged himself to allow upon yor: Honrs: ꝑuseing and examining his accots: wt: disbursemts: shall appear to yor: Honrs: to be Extravagãnt and unneccessary or that he cannot give you satisfactory reasons for the same, and as to the Townes of Bimlepatam &ca: the renting thereof (let prejudiced persons informe your Honr: what they will) has been of great benefit to yor: Honrs: in furthering yor: Investments by preventing those impedimets: the Cloth formerly met wth: from the petty Aveldars of those places &ca: and to whome yor: Honrs: were yearly forced to make presents. The expiration of their lease is now nigh at Hand when shall relinquish them according to orders of ye: Honble: President & Council and then the advantage will soon plainely appeare to yor: Honrs:, but was onely Paddy and Rice secured thereby we presume to affirme tis beneficiall to yor: Honrs: all being sent to the ffort where it payes custome besides giveing some matter of supply to the Garrison and now since our Actions have been thus misrepresented to yor: Honrs: we presume to infer in our own behalfs that we have made alwayes yor: Honrs: Interest ye: Basis of them, without any sinister or unlawfull advantage to ourselves and we hope our maintaining and preserveing yor: Honrs: ffactory & Goods (when the Dutch at Bimlepm: have been twice plunder'd) our obtaineing the Nabobs Rocca's prohibiting trade to all interlopeing ships & for ye: Current passing of yor: Rupees wch: formerly allowed 2½ ꝑCent as also for ye: resetling of the ffactorys of Metchlepm: Maddapollam &ca: may be esteemed acceptable services to yor: Honrs: & induce you to a more candid opinion of.

Rt: Honble:

Vizagapm: the 29th: July 1700. Yor: most ffaithfull humble: & obedt: servts:

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUELL OWEN.
THOMS: STABLES.

The Answer of Simon Holcombe Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam to the Paragraphs of the Auditors Generall Letter dated ye 19th Xber 1699 relating to that ffactory. No: 90. Recd: 29th: Sept: 1700. 1th:

The Charges as wel[l] as the persons of that ffactory are now reduced, being but 3 here and wch: are not sufficient to carry on the Rt: Honble: Compas: affairs as they duely should be, Wee therefore admire how Mr: Auditor should suppose we have not half worke enough for one, wee sell as much Europe Goods as ye Country will consume and more we are sure then our predecessors and we invest as much money as the Revolutions of ye Country will allow and wch: for ye terme of 8 years we have been here has been one year with another incirca P. 17000: We expend no more then absolute necessity and ye: Exigency of affaires require and we have endeavoured to gaine as much as possible, which made us dispose of Pepper, Teutenague &ca: for the Honble: Compas: accot: (a thing not before practicable) ffindeing there might be an advantage made thereby Bad Debts we have not made one, but recovered severall of our Pred[e]cessors, and for what laid out upon ffortiffications and buildings it has been no more than absolutely necessary and wch: has been ℘formed at little Expence to the Honble: Compa: not being at any Charge of Presents for a grant of ℘mission and ye Iron Stone wth: wch: ye Point and Curtaines are built costing nothing takeing an opportunity of the Revolutions of ye Country to build them with the stones belonging to ye Moors Old ffort. The Debts of Comdalanca Chittee, Da Silva, & Correga Lingona shall all bee discharged according to order all wch: were made by our predecessors as was that of Sheck Hossans wch: will prove altogether as bad as the former not any thereof being to be recovered, but Buddy Narrans Debt will be all discharged and the Occasion of its rise Pr[o]gress &ca: is all resolved by us to the Honble: Compa: in our answer to the Paragraphs of their Genl: Letters to which referr, Vizagapatam Towne old accot: shall likewise be ballanced according to Direction: we are

Sr:
Your Humble: Servants
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMAS STABLES.

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VIZAGAPM: THE 10th: SEPR: 1700.

TO THE RT: HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDT: AND GOVR: FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE RT: HONBLE: ENGSH: EAST INDIA
COMPA: &CA: COUNCILL.

Rt: Honble: &ca:

Yours of the 27th Ultimo I had the Honr: of last night with your Letter for the King of Atcheen which I have this day forwarded to Bengall receiveing letters thence ye 13th: Instant that the ship would proceed directly not being able to get their Goods in, in due time to come and call here in their way, I have alsoe remitted the Paragraph of your letter to me relateing to the Present &ca: and given them due orders to Observe yor: Directions & maintaine the antient Priviledge of our Nation I have sent for our Merchants out of ye Country the Revolutions being now pretty well over, and most people returned to their Habitations & following their respective trades as soone as they come downe shall discourse them of a new Investment and give yor Honr: the necessary timely advice thereof I enclose our Account Cash for the month of August and Subscribe No: 91. Recd: 29th: Ditto ℘ ship Howland.

Rt: Honoble: &ca:
Your most ffaithfull Humble: servt:
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

METCHLEPM: 23RD: SEPTEMBER 1700.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDT: & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

Honble: Srs:

No: 92.

Recd 29th: Do: 1700 per ship Howland.

This comes by ship Howland who arrived here the 20th: Instant. wee have shipped on board her 61 Bales of Callicoes and Chay goods Invoice and Bill [of] Lading is inclosed wee should not have had occasion to have kept her so long had the Maddapm: Bales been arrived wee recd Letters yesterday that the boat was at the bars mouth however think them not of Such importance as to tarry her any longer at this time [of] year.

Wee have likewise contracted wth: the Merchts: for 19741 Pags to be brought in by the 10th: Janry: in which there is not much Chay Goods and for the future shall strictly observe our masters orders as to those Goods wee have in this Contract obliged our selfs to pay the Merchts: five thousand Pags: in two months therefore desire yor Honrs: &ca: would please to think of Some way of Supplying us.

Wee hope yor: Honr: &ca: will approve of our keeping nine Soldiers whilst the Country Government is in such continuall troubles and broils all round us the Ensign serjeant and Topasses wee return by this ship who have recd: their pay to the ultimo of this month.

Messrs: Faucet and Rowland upon the ships arrivall we sent to Mr: Woolston to require him to be as good as his word in proceeding to Madrass who refused to see or speak wth: them wee have not been able with all our Endeavours to get him into the ffactory since Mr: Frewen went to Maddapollam and upon the ships arrivall he removed himself into the Consulls house he declared to some persons he could not proceed to Madrass with any safety yor: Honr: &ca: has so threatned him as he is informed from whence he has his intelligence wee cannot tell to have seized on him any where but in the ffactory would not have been safe either with respect to our selfs or the Governmt: and wee thought there was the less necessity when he seemed to be soe willing and gave us his promise to goe to Madrass.

Upon this ship comes Narran who has been very assiduous in his Endeavour of serving us both with his advice and person.

Our Diaries and Consultations are not as yet coppied out fair but shall proceed to your Honr: &ca: in two or three days Overland.

Here is come on the Ship from Vizagapatam 380 Elephants teeth and 71 Baggs Round Pepper belonging to Consull Pitt but noe agreement made by Mr: Holcombe for the freight neither doe wee know what to demand the Goods are in the Consulls Godown but not weighed of as yett wee desire your Honr: &ca: order herein.

However Mr: Lovell may deny the Nabobs Letter and takeing in short Cloth Mr: Noden is ready to justifie the former and both Noden and Mr: Rowland the Latter.

Wee desire your Honr: &ca: by the first oppertunity to send us ten tarpaulins for secureing of ye Honble: Compas: Bales in sending them aboard ship wee are

Honble Srs:
Yor: most Obedt: Humble: Servts:

JOHN FOQUETT.
JOSEPH HILLER.
THOMS: FAUCETT.
JOHN ROWLAND.

The Maddapollam boat wth: there Bales came into the Road 24th: about noon wch: was ye only occasion of our Retarding ship soe Long.

Y. FOQUETT.

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LIST OF THE PACQUET TO FORT ST: GEORGE ℘ SHIP HOWLD:

No 1. General Letter dated 23d September 1700.
2. Invoice.
3. Bill of Lading.

4. Acco$^{t}$: Cash :
5. Copy of our Contract with the Merchants.
6. Charges for month August.
7. List of the Souldiers.
8. List of the Pacquet.
9. Madapollam Bill [of] Lading.

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METCHLEP$^{M}$: THE 14$^{TH}$: SEP$^{R}$: 1700.

TO THE HON'BLE THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$:
PRESID$^{T}$: & GOVERN$^{R}$: OF FORT S$^{T}$: GEORGE &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

May it please yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$ :

I 've rec$^{d}$ : yo$^{rs}$: of the 27$^{th}$: July ꝑ M$^{r}$: Jn$^{o}$: Foquett, to whome I have dd up according to yo$^{r}$ orders, everything except the Gen$^{l}$: Letters, which I desire may remaine in my custody, till I know what your Demands may bee, not having any thing else for my Justification besides 'tis a thing that Seems to me very strange & I 'me sure a method not usuall amongst Traders, to deliver up all Acco$^{ts}$: & Lr̃es before the party has his Generall discharge, & tho 'tis a thing that has been formerly Practised in the Comp$^{as}$: service, yett I suppose not by those that has Been Employed in the Service upon Comission. N$^{o}$: 93. Rec$^{d}$: 29th: D$^{o}$ ꝑ ship How$^{d}$:

I' ve allsoe deliver'd to M$^{r}$: Jn$^{o}$: Foquett an Acco$^{t}$: Currant Fort S$^{t}$: George since the 1$^{st}$: ffeb$^{ry}$: last that the Benjamin Sayled from this place till M$^{r}$: Foquetts arrivall here, Coppy whereof accompanyes this, & as severall times I have writt to your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: desireing to be dismissed your Service w$^{ch}$: you would never take any notice of, I hope 't will be thought reasonable that I may be allowed Sallary for the aforementioned time, since you have thought it not fitt to continue us upon Comission any longer, therefore as being a free Trader and under no obligation to y$^{e}$ Comp$^{a}$: I have charged said Account with noe more then what I have in the new Comp$^{s}$ service where I am now entertained, therefore hope you will be pleased to order the Ballance of said Acco$^{t}$: to be p$^{d}$: me, & what Objections soeever you can make against any article in our Acco$^{t}$: I can as well give you an answer thereto from hence, as if I were in your ffort, not that I am afraid in the least of goeing, neither have I acted any thing that I need be ashamed to appear before you, but it does not at all stand with reason that I should throw away my time and make myself a prey in Complying w$^{th}$: passionate humors, besides my circumstances will not allow of being Idle where I can meet with an Employ.

You are still pleased to charge me of that mighty Crime of not applying myself to the Country Government, concerning w$^{ch}$: I thought I had given you satisfactory reasons in my former Letters; and to be plaine your orders in that respect does still seem to me soe irreguler & unreasonable that none but what seeks his own ruine, would ever comply with the same, after haveing been summoned by his Majesties Embassador to the Contrary, and I shall ever be of opinion that the Kings Embassadors summons in this respect ought to be much more regarded then any private mans orders, let your Masters circumstances be what it will; & if I did make application to the Embassador, it was not on the Comp$^{s}$: Acco$^{t}$: for I never had any other occasion to apply myselfe to his Excellency then for the cleareing your Hon$^{rs}$: Goods, which I must either doe or they must have laid at the water side; & I cannot ꝑceive where the Obligation lyes that I should ruine myselfe on the acco$^{t}$: of any mans private trade or otherwise, without I had sufficient security to indemnify me of what ever might happen in disobeying the Kings Embassador's orders and now Gentlemen I must needs tell you that if the Companyes affairs has not been managed to their advantage in these parts Since M$^{r}$: Lovell Embarkt 'tis your own fault, for I have not been Backward in giving due advise of all occurrances, when you have kept the Pattamars for above two months w$^{th}$ out takeing the least notice, as if the Company had no manner of concerns here, and againe pray what assistance have

you sent for carrying on the Comp^s: business or mainetaining their Rights and privileges in any respect whatever, though I have signifyed my Condition to you so often, Especially to your Hon^r: without haveing the least redress, soe that I was compelled to sell two Corge of y^e Companys Long Cloth to defray the charges of both ffactorys or else must have shut up the Gates, yet notw^th: standing all this, your Hon^r: &c^a: is still pleased to charge me in all your Lres, with treachery & betraying my masters, which I abominate and scorne, yet that shall never provoke me to bee disrespectfull to any Gentlemen that is Hon^rd: w^th the Kings [Comission] but on the Contrary shall allwayes give due Obedience to the same, as 'tis every Englishman's Duty, I shall not trouble you any more then to assure you, I have done nothing but what I can answer before any Justice in England, and what has consisted with Hon^r: and Honesty both to my King and Country, soe that I hope after a more serious consideration your Honour &c^a: will be pleased to desist from casting those Scandalous reflections upon me, which I have not in the least deserved, and will be a great satisfaction.

Your Hon^rs: &c^a: most Hum^ble: Serv^t:
SAMUELL WOOLSTON.

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FORT W^N: IN CULCUTTA SEP^R: 5^TH: 1700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^RE
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF
CHORMANDELL &C^A: & GOVER^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE

S^rs: &c^A: COUNCILL.

No: 94. Recd: 30th: do: 1700. Wee wrote to your Hon^r: &c^a: the 10^th: July by an overland Conveyance, Copy whereof comes herewith: since we have rec^d: yo^rs: of the 8^th: and 28^th: by the Ruby and Europe ships.

With submission your Hon^r: &c^a: had done better to have return'd the Ruby to us upon her first arrivall with you then to have kept her upon Charges so long in Madrass Road, for what with wages wear and tear &c^a: wee find by your account amounts to near as much as we shall be able to sell her for here, so that if you had sold her in Maderass upon her first arrivall for 700 Pag^s: It would have been so much gain to y^e Company whereas your sending her down to us after 2 Months lying in your road is as much a loss to them, and makes the charge of our ffactory swell bigg when really it ought to be Charg'd to your place.

Wee wish your Hon^r: &c^a: had kept the Cables and not sent any to us for they will lye and rott here before a Market offers for them, haveing one of the two Cables lying upon our hands that was sent us in President Higginsons time.

As for sending you Silk worm's we are Inform'd that none will live but what are of the growth of the Month December, for then they are at their full bigness and strength (as a man is at 30:) and are sent to all parts and live, so that if a Vessell had lain ready purposely for these Worm's at the time they ought to be sent away, It's more then probable they might have been Convey'd to you safe, It was no neglect in any ꝑson that you had them not but the tenderness of the Animal.

The Cholchester & Anna arrived in Ballasore Road the 12^th: Ult^o: from whence we have rec^d: most of the Treasure which we are Converting into Goods as fast as we can, and hope to dispatch the Chambers Frigat the latter end of this month and the rest as formerly mention'd, but we should be glad notwithstanding to know if you can spare any Bales in case we should want to Compleat the Tonnage of four Shipps.

Wee are glad to hear the Howland is arrived with you, and thô you make no mention of the King William's Arrivall, we understand from the Comander of the

Cholchester and others that she arriv'd in your Road just before the Colchester Sail'd from thence.

The Petre will be much better futurely Since Wee have taken a course to refine What wee have by us, besides the Badness of the Peter of late years being generally Exclaimed against by all Nations, has put the Petre men upon makeing that w$^{ch}$: is Indifferent good fearing that otherwise it should lye on their hands and so beggar them.

Wee have Rec$^{d}$: the two Letters from our Masters that came by the Howland and have rec$^{d}$: Duplicates by these Ships.

Wee have Rec$^{d}$: likewise the Happy news from our Masters of their being Incorporated by act of Parliament and have Celebrated the same with all Acclamations of Joy as Discharging of the Ordnance from Fort William, Bonfires, Fireworks &c$^{a}$: to the great satisfaction of the Natives in Generall and greater astonishment to the disaffected ꝑty whose Interest seems very much to decline notwithstanding the Tankervails arrivall, the Treasure whereof being har[d]ly Sufficient to pay their Debts and lade her home. Wee are advised the Merchants and Shroffs will not trust them this year, seeing they have so little Treasure Arrived, but the chief reason is their deceiveing them last year by telling them they had silver in the House to pay for what they bought and when the Merchants demanded their money they told them they had none w$^{ch}$: has very much Impair'd their Credit. Their ship Antelope will hardly sail before the beginning of next month and is a very sickly ship having lost most of her men, we hope the Chambers Frigat will be home before her.

When the New Comp$^{a}$: hear their Ambassador has spent so much money to so little purpose not having ꝑform'd his Ambassage nor is in any hopes of doeing it in time, then they will call to mind the words of the Wiser and Condemn their own Judgement when 'tis two late; Our Experience tells us he will never be able to Effect anything that's worth takeing notice of, but will spend a vast sum̃e of money to little or no purpose.

Wee doe not hear as yet whither M$^{r}$: Ravenhill be come on these ships or not, his Hon$^{r}$: knows he might have come down hither when President Eyre did but that he shew'd a great deal of Indifference as if he lik'd the lazy life at Maderass better we have no more to say at present but y$^{t}$ we are

Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:
Your most Hum$^{ble}$: And Faithfull servants

Charles Eyre.
John Beard.
Jona$^{n}$: White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

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List of the Pacquet to Fort S$^{t}$: George ꝑ Briganteen Commerce Viz$^{t}$:

No. 1. Bengall Generall Dated the * 15$^{th}$: Sep$^{r}$: 1700.

2. Copy of D$^{o}$ by Land Dated 10 July 1700.

3. Copy of the Warehousekeepers Report Concerning the Goods that was rec$^{d}$: short at the Fort ꝑ ship Benjamin.

4. Journall Parcells Relateing to Maderass
Commencing p$^{mo}$: May 1699.
E[n]ding. . ult$^{o}$: Aprill 1700.

5. Acco$^{t}$: Currant Taken out of Bengall Books
Letters S S Commencing ꝑ$^{mo}$: May 1699.
Ending ultimo Aprill 1700.

6. Account Sallary Payable in England Due to Roger Braddyll taken out of Beng$^{ll}$: Books.

7. Copy Bombay Gen$^{l}$: to Beng$^{ll}$: dated y$^{e}$: 13$^{th}$: May 1700.

* 5th in I.O. copy.

FORT S^T: GEORGE OCT^R: 4^TH: 1700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESIDENT
& GOVERN^R: OF FFORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

N°: 95 Presented ye 4th Octr: 1700. I humbly make it my request to your Hon^r: &c^a: that you would please to permit me to take my Passage for England on ship Howland ffrigat now Bound thither and that you would please to order the Comander to allow me such accomedation in the great cabbin and priviledge in the shipp as is usually allowed to one that has served the Company in the Post I have served them I Likewise Request you would permit the son of Cap^t: Gostlin and the son of Cap^t: Burton Deceased to goe with me we paying the Comp^a: what is customary for our Permission I am

Yo^r: Hon^rs: &c^a: Humb^le: Serv^t:
JOHN STYLEMAN.

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FORT S^T: DAVID 7^BR: 28^TH: 1700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOM^S: PITT, PRESID^T: &
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^ble: &c^a:

N°: 96 Recd: 5th Octb: 1700. Yo^r: Hon^rs: &c^a: of the 13^th: Instant we rec^d: on the 18^th following, at night; & have delayed our answer thereto till now, because we intended our acco^tts: with acco^t: Currant Fort S^t: George in Journall Parcells, as also the Ledger acco^tts: with D^o which was sent the Deputy Govern^r: yesterday noon should accompany this.

Yo^rs: of the 10^th: of August hath not much in it for us to answer, but that you may certainly believe we shall use all possible endeavours with the Merchants to hasten them to the finishing this present Investment which by their Contract they are oblig'd to bring in, & compleat the whole by the 15^th of the next month; w^ch: we have no cause now to beleive they can effect so soon, thô on the other hand we beleive they can doe it much sooner than Xmas w^ch: is the time you depend upon us for so much as you expect of us to compleat the King William's Cargo w^ch: is the needfull in answer to yours of the 10^th: past, because we shall have occasion to write more of this matter, before we conclude this Letter.

To yo^rs: of the 13^th: past by the Queda ship named y^e Mamoody, We have rec^d: what Stores sent upon her, consigned to us, as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Ladeing, Your Hon^r: &c^a: observes very well that we have not made any agreement for Commeeta's in our present Investment because their was no mention made of them in the List of the severall sorts of Goods sent, and order'd us to contract for w^ch may be somewhat hard for us to do now, in regard the Warehousekeeper hath not any of their Musters, on which the Hon^ble: Comp^a: formerly contracted for, they haveing with sev^ll: other old musters out of use, been sold off in Govern^r: Hattsell's time to clear our Books of so much remaines, but the Dep^ty: Governour hath bespoak the Cheif Weavours of this place to make two p^s as good as they can of y^e lengths and breadths of y^e Comp^as: old Musters w^ch: was 36 coveds long & 2⅛ coveds broad, w^th: due regard to y^e equallity of Punjums, one of w^ch: p^s: he hath allready rec^d: and the other is promised; w^ch: when it comes, shall both be sent to washing, & afterwards shall be produced in consultation, for y^e Councills view & their Judgem^t: & vallue of them, before we shall contract for any quantity of them but shall first advise your Hon^r: &c^a: the same, w^ch: is the needfull answer to that Letter.

We come now to answer yours of the 13^th Ins^t: to the first of w^ch wee say that we cannot by all the reasonable argum^ts: we can think of prevail w^th: the joynt stock Merch^ts: of Cuddalore for doubleing their present Contract, & that for the same reasons before advised in ours of y^e 15^th past but the Dep^ty Govern^r: hath some weeks agoe produced in consult^a: a paper of sev^ll: sorts of Cloth & their prices from Eram Rauze &c^a: Pa[r]tners for an Investm^t: of fifty Thousand

Pags: to be brot: in & finished in a twelve months time from ye date of the contract, if wee Should agree, wch: the Deputy Governr sent to the Honble: President in his particular Letter. Hee hath also lately produced another List of Goods wth: their prices, amounting to pags: 30000 wch: accompanys this letter varying from the former, to be as good as the musters sent us from the Fort excepting the Betteelas, which they will not agree for on any other but the old musters of 40 & 50 covds: wch: are No: 26 & 29 ye: head sorts, wch: are very good cloth, & they promise to bring in none under ye head musters, wch: had they done in the former Investmt: there had been no cause of complaining so much as there was, there being a much greater difference in ye musters than in ye prices If this be liked of, they promise to finish the same in 7 months time after signing the agreement, and therefore they desire our speedy answer because they have their Factors in the Countrys about us to engage all the looms they have taken so much pains in, to frame them to make all Cloth Equall to the new musters sent us from the Fort & wee think there is a difference as much between the looms that make fine Cloth & those that make but ordry: Cloth, we mean as to the Slea, as there is between a fine Ivory toothed Comb, & any other wide toothed one.

The List of all and what Goods the Merchants have brot: in, you will know by the inclosed List, but the great and frequent Rains we have here, detards the comeing in of their cloth, so fast as otherwise it would be.

The Depty: Govr: is sorry he should be pitch'd upon to attest ye transactions of those matters relateing to Amer John's going to ye Camp, at a time, when he was no ways concern'd in any thing of the Compa: affairs as may appear by ye Registers & Consultations of those times, to wch: he reffers; by wch: it will appear that Amer John went to the Camp in October 1697 & carried with him (on ye Compas: accott:) a present to ye: amount of Pags: 1155: 34 wch he humbly conceives hath no refference to this place, Whatever ye rest may be, & yt for these reasons; That Fort St: George then labour'd under great difficultys of haveing any thing pass out or come into the town, by reason of the troubles given them by the then Juncaneer of Pullamullee who stop'd the Merchants Goods and seiz'd them as well ye Compas as other perticuler Merchts: & all manner of provissions for ye Compas: Genl: table in so much that no Body could goe to St: Thomas's Mount haveing two or three bottles of Wine or Beer, but what his people would stop to pay them Juncan; & all persons strictly forbid to resist or rescue their own from them wch: made them grow the more insolent, as to beat & Chabuck our servts: sent before to accompany those things; & indeed ye Honble: Compas: affairs then looked with no good aspect, as to their priviledges & libertys, wch: begun to decline ever since the great storm in Aprill 1696 wch: drove so many ships & Wrecks ashoar wch: we tamely suffer'd the Moors to carry away, soe that Amer John was sent to procure as good conditions as he could of ye Nabob, in favour to Fort St: George, while this place then enjoy'd free entercourse of all things going out & comeing into the bounds. Chingie was taken on the 30th: of December next after Amer John's going to ye Camp & Selimon Cawn did not assalt Cuddalore till ye 18th of February 1698 wch was by order of the Nabob tho Amer John never advised that matter to this place, or Fort St: George: but Governr: Hattsell & ye Councill here were very importunate & solicitous, as appears by all their Letters sent hence in December and January to Fort St: George to have the Tavestock sent up here to joyn that ships Compa: to assist Cuddalore but all to noe purpose, tho that ship stayed in sight wind bound, till a good part of February was past.

We advised in ours of the 15th: past, that the Heer Comens was expected at Porto Novo, and desired to know what you would please to order us to doe, wch: wee awaited, but before your orders arrived, ye Heer Comens was gone & past by on the 3d: Instant for Pullicatt.

Our Merchants have not sustained any loss by the troubles lately at Wooriarpollam tho it may have some what hindred their business for a time, wch: place is now in quiet again, as may appear by ye Wooriars letter to the Depty: Governr: translate of wch: wee herewith send yor: Honr: &ca:

The Warrant from the Court of Admiralty for attatching the Body of Pangala Jango, y$^{e}$ Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: hath on y$^{e}$ 19th Instant in Consultation, deliver'd to the Justices as directed.

The Timbers we mostly want are those which come from Pegu, commonly from 18 foot to 20 & 21 foot long.

We are in great want of Salla's or the red sort of Betteelas that usually come from Surat, to make Flags for this Fort.

Wee have thus far wrote from the date w$^{ch}$: begins this letter, till we were diverted by the news we had of Aloof Cawns' being appointed Phousdar of Chellumbrum & y$^{e}$ adjaceent Country, hath caused us make this pause till now y$^{t}$ it is the 30$^{th}$: Instant The Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^{r}$: haveing yesterday rec$^{d}$: a Letter from the said Aloof Cawn, sent by the Braminy his Egib, saying he had a Letter from Doud Cawn his Master, w$^{ch}$: he was order'd to deliver with his own hands, concerning w$^{ch}$: the Council were called together this morning more early then usuall to consider of y$^{e}$ mann$^{r}$ of receiveing this same new Phousdar, who hath been formerly a servant to Selimon Cawn, & Avaldar of Porto Nova Hee protested great love & friendship in all his discourse, to the English; & said if he did not in all things doe as the Dep$^{ty}$: Governour would have him, in assisting us in our business, his Master would turn him out of his place, to all w$^{ch}$: we gave him the heareing, we shall nevertheless goe on in strengthening Cuddalore & other places. He hath likewise brought a Perwanna of the like tenour to y$^{e}$ French at Pullicherry, w$^{ch}$; he would have delivered to the Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: to be sent thither, w$^{ch}$: he excused as not thinking it convenient to meddle in other peoples matters we made him a present of some scarlett, Cloth rashes and some flintware &c$^{a}$ he took his leave & departed and to all appeareance very well satisfied.

The translates of both Lres we herewith send your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:

Wee request to know what rule you'l please to give us for our guidance in that point of amunition mentioned in Dow'd Cawns Letter which is the needfull at present but that wee are.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:
Yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: most Obed$^{t}$:
Hum$^{ble}$: Servants.

William Fraser. Richard Farmer.
John Haynes. Tr: Games.
Ralph Ingram. Rob$^{t}$: Cranwell.
Edm$^{d}$: Mountague. John Berlu.

List of the Packett.

N$^{o}$: 1. Gen$^{l}$: Letter dated the 28$^{th}$: Sep$^{r}$: 1700.
2. Copy of the translate of the Wooriar's Letter to the Dep$^{ty}$ Govern$^{r}$:
3. Copy of the Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^{rs}$: answer to D$^{o}$:
4. Copy of the Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^{rs}$: Letter to Mons$^{r}$: Martin dat$^{d}$ 13$^{th}$ 7$^{br}$: 1700 w$^{th}$: his answ$^{r}$:
5. Copy of the Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^{rs}$: answ$^{r}$: to M$^{r}$: Martin.
6. Copy of the translate of a Lre from Alluf Cawn to the Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^{r}$:
7. Copy of the translate of Dow'd cawn's Letter to the Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^{r}$:
8. The Gunn$^{rs}$: List of stores wanting.
9. A List of the Goods that Eram Rauze &c$^{a}$: proposes to provide to the amo$^{t}$: 30,000 Pag$^{s}$:
10. Copy of Clause of Consult$^{a}$: relateing to the sorting of this present Investm$^{t}$:
11. Eram Rauze &c$^{as}$: acco$^{tt}$: of Cloth bro$^{t}$: in on the present contract.
12. D$^{o}$ of Viabo Chitte's &c$^{a}$:
13. List of the Packett.

The Journall parcells &c$^{a}$: is in a Packett a Part.

To the Hon^ble: Thomas Pitt Esq^r:
President & Governour of the
Forts S^t: George & S^t: David
&c^a: Councill.

May it please your Hon^r: &c^a:

It is said that what criminals say in their own justification after sentence hath passed upon them, is altogether vain, & to noe purpose, tho in it's due and proper time they are allwayes allow'd to be heard in what they can say in their own behalf before any sentence passes against him or them, my present case (thô no criminal), is that I am prejudged, sentenced w^th: Execution of the same to follow conditionally indeed if I change not my course, and all this before I am heard or recieved any copy of the information given against me, on which I am accused. No: 97. Recd. 5th Octr. Do.

I crave leave to say without any offence, or reflection, which is not my intention that is was the manner formerly, and agreeable with the Comp^as: own orders, when Fort S^t: George was an Agency, and after that a Presidency in Govern^r: Giffords time, that whatever informations were sent from any subordinate Factories to the Fort, against their respective Cheifs, the Governour allways wrote his own perticuler letter on the matter which was sent to the cheif with copy of what was informed against the cheif, for him to give anwer to, which if [he] did not give satisfaction the matter was examined in presence of both parties face to face ; but in my present case it is otherwise, it is somewhat hard for me to give answer so punctually to what accused of, as otherwise I would doe, had yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: been pleased to have descended into particulers instead of the method taken which is Generall.

Did I but know in what sence my odd deportm^t: to the councill (as is said) or what is thereby meant, I could the better answer for myself, but if it is meant by the following words ; In that I consult them not, it lyes on their part to make proof of any point or matter of moment in which I have not, It is said more particularly to the Millitary, I answer, all our Outgards have their standing orders in writeing calculated to all the circumstances or accidents I could think of as might happen upon the occasion of any sudden Enemy as should assault us on our Frontiers, read, approved, and signed by us all. The Dyett money by consent of Councill was taken of to be any more paid to the Millitary officers, to effect which it was thought convenient to take away the Gen^l Table which till then was an extravagent & shamefull charge thô Tell tale fame made a false and groundless noise of the same soon after at Fort S^t : George.

In the matter of the quarrell between Cap^t: Davis and M^r: Cranwell which (if I am right) was in Aprill last, being examined in consultation, I was mightily perswaded by him, whose standing is next to me, & all his endeavours used to prevaile with me to confine Cap^t: Davis for one month to his chamber as his punishment, and then to restore him to his place again without ever adviseing the matter to yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: which I thought was no good advice & would have proved soe, had I taken it as it happened by my being prevailed upon by his earnest endeavour and perswation thô against my own inclination, which was to have referred the decission and determinations of the controversie of both Padres with our examinations on the same, to yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: which hath been the occasion of soe much reprehention to us, the Error of which I was precipitated into as aforesaid, thô I argued our being subordinate.

I deny not, because tis true but that I did on the 21^st: past, between 9 and 10 at night send a party of sold^rs: of about 40, to join and strengthen our outguards of Treepopolore, and Billeveroy nuttum 30, to the former, and 10 to the latter, which was when a Councill at that time of night could not be called together, 3 of the Councill allwayes resideing at Cuddalore, Viz^t: Mess^rs: Haynes, Mountague, and Games and of late for the last four months, M^r: Farmer removed there to his new house, M^r: Ingram but lately recovered of his illness, M^r: Berlu seldome or never lying at his Chamber in the Fort, except when any English shipping are here, soe that I had none here to consult with, but M^r: Cranwell, who neither is,

was, and I am afraid never will be wise, thô he would seem soe, by the assistance of another, who penns his exceptions as in the late case of Capt: Davis, and any other of his Letters of any business, now the cause of my soe doeing may appear by the accompanying Copy, which shews by its subscription whose mind and Image it bears, being marked No 1 to which I answered in writeing at the same time I received it, and said that I knew Gungaram, who is Surrop Sings adopted son, and Governr: of Waldore had come down to wash in the sea, upon the occasion of the Moon being Eclipsed, and that he made his progress through the ffrench bounds, and that he was then on his return to Waldore makeing but Short Journeys for his pleasure, and that I had Spye's to advise me his severall marches and stages but however by his paper to me as aforesd, I thought it did not behove me to stand still, and not take any notice of the same, therefore I sent the said number of soldrs: well provided with arms and arrack, but without any noise or beat of drum, that night, till next morning that they returned, and Capt: Davis requested leave to goe and command said party; Treepopolore is a town, which by its scituation, and beareing with the Fort and Cuddalore forms the figure as ꝑ paper No: 2: and at our pagar or guard there, one may throw a hand stone which shall fall and light out of our bounds, and if it had happened, that a party of Gungarams people had entered the town, and plundered some houses, where could my excuse be found, haveing had notice given me, as aforehand if I had not sent out the said party, on the other hand if Mr: Haynes Paper to me was a false alarum, the blame in all justice ought to revert to himself, as the first cause; I never did, nor shall while subordinate, assume the power of makeing, or giveing Comissions to appoint millitary officers, it being as becomes us our part, to nominate and Recoṁend Men of worth, and merit for such imploys to your Honr: &ca: (being our Head) to Coṁission such, so recoṁended concerning the Executive power singly in the Cheif alone, when extraordinary occasion so requires, I agree to and shall offer my Humble: sentiments thereon in its proper place. When I shall relate what I said in Consultation on the 2d: Instt: as it relates to Mr: Berlus houghing carriage to me on Friday the 30th: past in my lodgeings at half an hour past eight at night the accot: of wch: I have given the Honble: President in my particular letter to himself of the 18th: Instant which part of it, I request may be produced and read to the Councill, which will save me giveing your Honr: &ca: the trouble of repitition without which this answer will be neither perfect nor compleat.

On the 2d: Instant in Consultation Mr: Berlu begun with his protesting against Capt: Davis for offering to confine him, which was onely expressed in words, I told him, he was noe proloquator here, but he should be heard in what he could say, [in its] proper time, beleiving he had sufficiently informed the Councill at Cuddalore, already with whom he kept Compa: for 2½ dayes together, ever since the 30th: past till then, and yt: it was but right, that I who should have been heard first, should at least be heard now next him, I did then recite to the Councill Mr: Berlu's houghing and swaggering carriage wch: in it's self was not so Offensive to me, as it was to God Almighty by whose great name, he had soe often swore that night; after Accotts: were read, and money paid in, received and made entered, in our Consultation Book, I begun, and asked the Councill first of all, if I had wronged any of them, in their respective perquisites of their severall Employes (thô all of them have not perquisites and they that have are the worst humoured) to which they said they were not, then I recited to them Mr: Berlu's strange carriage and behaviour to me on the 30th: past at night, and that I was in my own mind well assured that he would not [have] presumed to have done soe, were he not confident of a good party to bear him out, because next day in the morning he went to Cuddalore to associate himself with them whom I judged so, and with whom till now, he hath ever since continued and withall told them the provocations I had, that prevailed with me, to send for the Capt: of the Gaurd to order him to be confined on purpose to be rid of him, which had I a mind to have done effectually, I might easily have called a Serjeant, and 2 Files of men to have

carried him away, whether he would or not but I thought I had chosen the better way, by sending for the Cap$^{t}$: of the Gaurd, as I did, which was intimation and warning enough for him to depart and goe home to his chamber of whom I could not otherwise be rid by any manner of means, concerning the Legallity of which, I said that upon Extraordinary occasion and the necessity of it required some resolution to be taken at a time when the nature of a thing could not admitt the calling of a Councill together to consult with, that in Such case the executive power for that time must necessarily be in some One of us, and as so more properly in the person of the Head or Cheif of the place, than in any other which quadrates with your own sentiments on this point, because the power of the whole doth revert and center (for that time) in the Govern$^{r}$: then again let us carry our thoughts further, and take a view of some of the orders and constitutions of other men, to give some instances in the Millitary most men know how ill it is for an Inferior officer to be insolent, and disrespectfull to his superiour officer, In the Kings ships of war, at sea the Cap$^{t}$: may and can upon extraordinary occasion confine his Lievtenant to his Cabbin and may when a Mutiny or Rebellion in a ship comes to a head, and the Mutineers in arms and begun the Cap$^{t}$: in such case to quell and break their force, & for the good of the whole hath pistoll'd or kil'd some of the cheif Ring Leaders, in such case the nature of the thing doth not only acquitt but justify him, according to the constitution of the sea laws and is the same in a Cap$^{t}$: of a Merch$^{ts}$: ship at Sea when the mutineers as is said, cannot be subdued otherwise, thô at another time, and upon any triviall fault the said Cap$^{t}$: doth Consult his Officers in the punishment of any such lesser or trivial fault, a Constable in England is but a low office, yet hath great power in the night time; It is said of any the lowest subject in England, proverbially that his house is his castle, where no violence must be offered him, if an honest man, and not guilty of the breach of the lawes, and does it follow that the Cheife of a place, or the Deputy Governour of a Garrison'd Fort is without remedy as in the late case of M$^{r}$: Berlu, or to what purpose is it, that the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: have wisely ordered and appointed a personall guard to any the chiefs of their Factories.

Now as to what is threatned, because the Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: affairs must not suffer, I humbly answer and say, that thô it does not become one to be the Herauld of their own praise and commendation, yet let me bee beleived for the very work's and deed's sake, which are evident thus.

At my first comeing here in May 99, I found a great Investm$^{t}$: of Pag$^{s}$: 63000 made to my hand on the 3$^{d}$: of Aprill before, and no more then Pag$^{s}$: 8000 paid before I came, the payment of the whole Investment to be made in money, and not soe much as one penny worth of Europe goods agreed to have been given the Merch$^{ts}$: in part payment, thô there was enough of Broad cloth and Perpetuanoes, that had lain here by the walls for severall years indisposed of, I found but a very low Cash under pag$^{s}$: 500 besides the pag$^{s}$: 2000 brought with me, the place without any stores, not soe much as one Glass of wine, or beer to wellcome me, except what I had of my own, the Merchants very clamarous and importunate with me for money, and would not hear of any thing else, at my comeing, but money or bills of Exchange, Notwithstanding I disposed & put off to them, all the Broad Cloth sent us from the Fort upon the Benjamin, and Scepter, w$^{ch}$: M$^{r}$: Haynes thought I could not doe, as he told me then in Councill and said the Merchants were not obliged by their Contract to doe soe, which was no more than what I knew, but desired, if he would not concurr with me, yet not to hinder, he said he would not, then I told him that I had actually agreed with the Merchants at the price of pag$^{s}$: 17 ℘ single peice, if they approved of it, which was done, and the Bales delivered them, and have allso disposed of all the broad Cloth which had lain so long by the walls as Aforesaid.

I paid off the Dollars, sent us from the Fort at dearer Rates than the price Currant with you at the Fort then.

In October or November last I sent your Honour &c$^{a}$: Proposalls for a large, and very advantageous Investment for the Hon$^{ble}$: Company such as was never

made in this place, since it became their Hon[rs]: purchase, which you were pleased to like well off, thô you were not in any condition of stock to encourage so great an advantage to the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]:

I have not since my comeing made any bad debt to the Hon[ble]: Company but have advanced some branches of their Revenues, and retrenched Charges, and [been] frugall in presents.

3. With the Country Government I hold a very fair and friendly Correspondence, and doe maintaine and keep up the Standard of the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: priviledges as in Feb[ry]: last when in that Storme a Madarass boat was drove ashoar to the S[o]: ward of our Bounds, and Surrop Sings people consisting of both horse and foot, makeing pretentions for the wreck in the name of their master, as did the Avaldar of Porto Novo for, and in behalf of his Master, Jemsure Cawn, with a party of horse and foot, yet I rescued the Wreck from both, and carried away what could be saved, and delivered to the Right Owners, and thô I had the shipps drove ashoar at Madrass in Aprill 96 twitted in my teeth, yet I convinced them by my letters in which they remained satisfyed Surrop Sing, Govern[r]: of Chingie I have brought into a perfect agreement with the Cheife Renters of his Countrys who live within our bounds by accommodateing all matters of difference, between them, and Obliged Surrop Sing to give Perwana's, & good security to the said Renters, not to exact upon them, any more, than what agreed for in his Cowls and obligations in writeing past between them, I can reach, & fetch back any of our Soldiers that Run away into the Moor's service as I have lately done; With our Europe Neighbours, the Dutch, Danes, and French I likewise preserve, and keep up a good understanding, and have procured that of the Dutch, which my predecessour never all his time could obtain, namely the pulling down of their great Godownes, which run across the main street of Tevenapatam as formerly advised your Hon[r]: &c[a]: with our Neighbours the French at Pullicherry; I can have and bring back again any of our Runaway sold[rs]: as of late two who had shipped themselves on board the King's shipps at that Port, where they had been some days' till I came to know of it, thô I was told by Mons[r]: Martine that two of their Runaway Sold[rs]: were shipped on board one of our Companys shipps at Madrass: In the pardon we gave those two sold[rs]: M[r]: Haynes did not approve off the parenthesis, saying we had given severall pardons formerly without any such words, I said those words Implied our being subordinate without which, it would seem too absolute for us, and thereby give offence as in paper N[o]. 3.

What you Hon[r]: &c[a]: are pleased to say, as my temper will not admitt off, are coutched more than is expressed, to which I humbly answer, and say, that dureing the severall years I lived at Fort S[t]: George, there is none liveing with whom I ever had any personall quarrell, this is a truth that cannot be Denyed, and dureing my settling (instead of a better) as first on the bench of both Courts, there never was any appeal made to the President and Councill from any Judgement I gave in either of the Courts, excepting M[r]: Cawley's case which was confirmed, and in the now Presid[ts]: own time M[r]: Charles Fleetwood's case which was mitigated as may be remembred but if it is meant as it relates to the late Govern[r]: Higginson and myself, I readily confess, I could not in my heart and consience bring myself to consent with him in some strange things and manner of his proceedings, as in the case of Kitte Narran, whom having first imprisoned for a long time, and afterwards (as if a Criminall) endeavoured all he could to have exiled him to Manilha, and all this without any cause as ever yet was proved, since which, the same person in yo[r]: Judg[ment] hath been thought worthy to be entrusted with managing the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: affairs in their Northern Factories I am but one, and therefore cannot be all that number of 4, or 5 of the Councill, the Hon[ble]: President by vertue of his Comission had power to suspend as himself thought fitt, and saw cause for it, besides that business was determined by the Comittee in England, long before the Neptune departed thence which was in December 98 and before the Hon[ble]: Presid[ts]: Examination of that matter sent by the Fame in October 98 could arrive which with submission, I Humbly conceive ought not to be hinted at, nor objected to me, now since my integrity (even to an eror) was

vindicated by the Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: Cap$^{t}$: Hugonin hath all the perquisites of his Runaways, as well as those that dye in his Comp$^{a}$:, of the former, there may be enough since in the punishing of his men, either by riding the wooden horse, or the whipping post he hath never yet advised with, nor consulted any of the other Commission officers of his Comp$^{a}$: contrary to the practise here at the Fort. We have advised in our Gen$^{l}$: Letter his Monthly pay to be pag$^{s}$: 16¼ including his servants wages, and we desired to know what Cap$^{t}$: Seaton's monthly pay was & we were answered Pag$^{s}$: 15 but whether the same included his servant's wages or not, is that doubt which is not yet cleared, which I request may be done, that there may be an actuall Complyance in us to your orders in this point, meantime I send your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: the reall and exact pay monthly given to the French Officers at Pullicherry, which Cap$^{t}$: Hugonin cannot but very well know of, who hath hitherto remained satisfyed till about the beginning of this month, being Put into his head by those, who are the Pennmen of his letters; thus have I given your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: a full answer to your soe very severe Letter, soe hastily wrote, without recriminating any of those, who have aspersed me to your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: thô: I have just cause to complain of some of them who take upon them, that which I singly of myself, think I cannot well doe, which may appear hereafter in its proper time and place, meantime your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: may doe with me, as may seem best in your Eyes, to which all ready complyance and conformity shall be given in all the wayes whereby I may approve myself.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

Fort S$^{t}$: David,
Sep$^{r}$: 27$^{th}$: 1700.

Your Hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: most Obed$^{t}$:
& very hum$^{ble}$: Servant
William Fraser.

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To the Hon$^{ble}$: Thomas Pitt, Presid$^{t}$: & Govern$^{r}$: of Fort S$^{t}$: George &c$^{a}$: Councill.

Fort S$^{t}$: David, 5$^{th}$ Octob$^{r}$: 1700.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

We have now in severall heaps piled up along y$^{e}$: sea side at Boomepollam, N$^{o}$: 98.
160000 billetts for firewood & we desire to know how you'l please to order their Recd: 8th Do: 1700.
being sent to Madrass, there being much more than any ship (as we know of) at your Port can take in, because of the bulk. In such like case formerly, the Europe Ships sent for that purpose, used to stop at that place by a sign made on Shoar by our people there, to whom upon advice we sent all necessary assistance of boat Lascars, and boatmen, & what the ship left, that she could not then take aboard, was laden upon her at y$^{t}$: place in her way, as she returned hence back to Fort S$^{t}$: George, but now the season of y$^{e}$: year must be considered.

The account of y$^{e}$: Ruby's men desired of us, but omitted in our last of y$^{e}$: 30$^{th}$: past to be sent, are disposed of thus, Viz$^{t}$: nine of them bear [arms] in this Garrison of w$^{ch}$: number six of them came out Sold$^{rs}$: in y$^{e}$: Comp$^{as}$: Service, y$^{e}$: other three belong'd to the ships Comp$^{a}$: & three more of them are in y$^{e}$: Gunroom Crew, one here & y$^{e}$: other two in y$^{e}$: Gunroom at Cuddalore, make up twelve w$^{ch}$: is all wee have here, one more, a young man who was the Cap$^{ts}$: Servant, went to Fort S$^{t}$: George, pretending his relations to be well known to Doct$^{r}$: Buckley.

On the 3$^{d}$: Instant in the afternoon after Consultation was done, & broke up, both setts of Merch$^{ts}$: came to y$^{e}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: & declared their great want of money to carry on & finish their p$^{r}$sent Investm$^{t}$: certifieing him y$^{t}$: if we wo$^{d}$: give them [Bills of Exchange on] yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: for pag$^{s}$: 10000 amongst them payable to their respective Factors or order, y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: whole Investm$^{t}$: in the sev$^{ll}$: species sho$^{d}$: be brought in & deliver'd (Brown at least) before y$^{e}$: expiration of this p$^{r}$sent month, & told him of sev$^{ll}$: Quantitys of Cloth they had upon the Roads, nameing the places, but y$^{t}$: the rivers are not passable, by reason of the late frequent Rains, w$^{ch}$: we have cause partly to beleive, as knowing the truth of the same from others not concerned.

We have therefore been prevailed with to draw upon yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: one Bill of this date to Viabo Chittee &c$^{a}$: for pag$^{s}$: 4000 at ten days sight payable to Botchu Chittee & Callastra Chittee, their Factors yet if y$^{e}$: paym$^{t}$: were made sooner, (if possible) it would be soe much y$^{e}$: better y$^{e}$: other Bill of this days date, is given to Eram Rauze &c$^{a}$: Partners for pag$^{s}$: 2000 at six days sight, payable to Vengana & Ramana; yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: complyance to w$^{ch}$: will put them all in good heart to begin an other Investm$^{t}$: for we shall doe what can be done on our part, to alleviate the weighty thoughts you have of a full Lading for the King William, as mention'd in yo$^{rs}$: of the p$^{mo}$: Ins$^{t}$: just now rec$^{d}$: to the needfull of w$^{ch}$: we shall give answer by our next, w$^{ch}$: shall accompany our Gen$^{l}$: Letter to y$^{e}$: R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: &c$^{a}$: Books & papers to goe by the Howland.

Our Merch$^{ts}$: complain much y$^{t}$: haveing taken so much pains in frameing y$^{e}$: sev$^{ll}$: Country looms, to the better makeing of all y$^{e}$: sev$^{ll}$: sorts of Cloth of their present Investm$^{t}$: Equall to yo$^{r}$: musters sent us, your Merch$^{ts}$: Factors doe very much thwart them, by interfereing in their business, by impressing money to the Weavors, whom our Merchants had engaged first: Wee add no more till we write you again, but remain with due Respect,

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:
Yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: most Obed$^{t}$:
hum$^{ble}$: servants

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmund Mountague.
Rich$^{d}$: ffarmer.
Tr: Games.
Rob$^{t}$: Cranwell.
John Berlu.

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Fort S$^{t}$: David Octob$^{r}$: 10$^{th}$: 1700.

To the Hon$^{ble}$: Thomas Pitt, Presid$^{t}$:
& Govern$^{r}$: of Fort S$^{t}$: George &c$^{a}$: Councill.

Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

No 99. Recd 13th D. This is cheifly to accompany our generall letter to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Company, w$^{ch}$: we send under a flying Seal for your perusall, in which may be observed we have not mention'd any thing as to the present constitution and change of Government of the Countries about us leaving the same to your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to advise of, because you may have much the better; and truer Intelligence from your Spies at Dowd Cawns Camp, than we can that keep none there.

We hear (how true we know not) that Silliman Cawn has some of the Inland Mountainous Countries assigned him for his Government namely Jaccadeu Trippature Vaniumbade, Kisnakiddee, Cavereputnam Parnabelle, Arur, Singurapettee, Cammamellure, and has for his Neighbours severall Rajaes, and great men of the Pullegars to plague him.

Jemsid Cawn we hear is comeing to reside at Trividie, about 20 miles distance from our bounds, his son is there already.

Dowd Cawn is said to come very suddenly into these parts, which if it proves true, we shall be in great want of what may be proper to make him a Present, which we fear cannot be avoided, and we have nothing by us, but Scarlet and Flint Glassware, but we think it were well (if there should be occasion) to send us some of that double distilled Rose water lately sent him from Fort S$^{t}$: George, the meaneing of which the Hon$^{ble}$: President knows very well. We have no Brimstone here, but what is very coarse, and very dear which notwithstanding we would buy to supply yo$^{r}$: urgent occasions, but the worst of it is, we cannot get

any Boat to send it upon, because none will venture at this uncertain season, which is all that offers at present, but that we are

Srs:

Your most obedient humble: Servants

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd: Mountague.
Ri: Farmer.
Tr: Games.
Robt: Cranwell.
John Berlu.

*P.S.*—We have for the more speedyer conveighance of the freshest advices, placed Tappies at all the severall stages between this place & Fort St: George, dureing the Howlands stay at your Port.

W. Fraser.
R. Ingram.

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Metchlepm: 29th: 7ber. 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: Presidt: & Governr: of Fort St: George &ca: Councill.

May it please yor: Honr: &ca:

The 25 Instant ship Howland saild out of this road for Madrass we laded on board of her from this ffactory 61 bales of severall sorts of goods which amounted to Pags: 18,142:13 fans: the 24th: a boat arrived with the Rt: Honble: Compas: Bales thirty-five from Maddapollam which have likewise put on board said ship which amounted to pags: 6904: 16: 3 being in all 96 bales Invoice and Bill of Lading wee Sent your Honr: &ca: in the generall by said ship and question not but is safe arrived being here from the 26th: Instant settled a N: E: wind. No: 100. Recd: 14 Octr: 1700.

Here was a proposall made before Narran the Dubash went on board ship, by two Merchants named Mauda Anka & Mogdula Mally that they would provide 5,000 pags: of Goods for the Rt: Honble: Company without advanceing one pags: before hand; we have Examin'd into the Credit and reputation of these merchts: and find that they are imployed by the new Companys Chief Merchr: who was to advance the money to them they being poore but are related to him and is only a trick to bring in goods for the new Company with our dusticks and to Impeade our Merchts: in the provideing of goods which they have now contracted for to be delivered in January next, there is a report here that Mauda Anka and Mogdula mally have writ to your Honr: &ca: about it and sent proposalls which we refer to your Honr: &ca: consideration and order therein.

Yesterday Japa Chittee &ca: Companys Merchants came and declared that makeing the first Joint Stock amongst themselves they did propose to Mauda Anka & Mogdula Mally for to come in with them & bring their part of the Joynt Stock, and staid above two months for them to bring in their part which they were not able to raise but afterwards Japa Chittee &ca: Compas: Merchts: took them as their Factors to goe up and buy goods for them in the Country and Intrusted them with 6000 pags: some part of which they invested for them, but the Cheapest of the goods they sent into the new Company and as yet have not cleared accots: with them for the 6,000 pags:

In Mr: Lovells time Japa Chittee &ca: did complain to him that their said factors had cheated them up in the Country in buying of these goods and they were sent for and detain'd in the factory for 3 hours but afterwds: sett free Japa Chittee &ca: Merchts: declare that in case leave be given for the aforementioned merchts: to bring in the 5000 pags: it will be certain a hindrance to their Investment, & In case we doe give Incouragement to them then they will no longer continue to be the Rt: Honble: Companys Merchts: which is left to your Honr: &ca:

The Companys Merchants have made a proposall to provide for the Rt: Honble: Company in Sundry sorts of Goods to the amot: of Pags: 44762: 18 fans: for which Goods are to be brought into the ffactory by August next, a list of the goods comes Inclosed, but doe desire to have an answer in a months time from

your Honr: &ca: if you approve thereof, soe that they may begin to provide them and on signing of the contract to have 15000 pags: paid them 6000 by bill of Exchange at Madrass and 9000 here & are willing to take the 150 piggs of Lead wch: we received ℘ ship King William [po]iz 96ca: 4md: 20½lb. which we have given account Currant Fort St: George Credit for at 6¼ Pagodas ℘ Candy according to your former orders ℘ said ship.

Herewith comes also a muster of the striped beteeleas which is entered in the list for your Honours approbation allsoe the diarys and consultations which we advised should be sent by next conveyance.

Consull Pitt has designed for Maddapollam above 10 days agoe but has put it off by reason of the troubles there between Ranga Rause, and the Governr: of Narsapoore the Governours son of this place is gone from hence with a 1,000 men to assist the Governour of Narsapoore.

The reason of our detaineing the ship longer then our orders was for the Maddapollam Bales which could not be got out of the River before and wee were of the opinion that a day or two would not be so disadvantagious to our Rt: Honble: Masters in detaineing the ship then for to have the bales left behind wee are.

Honble: Srs:
Yor: most Humble: &
Obedient Servants
Jno: Foquett.
Joseph Hiller.
Thoms: Faucet.
John Rowland.

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Fort St: David 22th: Oct. 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Presidt &
Governour of Fort St: George &ca: Councill.

Honble: &ca:

No: 101. Recd: 25th: Do. We have thus long delayed our answer to yours of the 8th: Instant received here the 11th: late at night, because it was but yesterday yt: we closed up our agreemt: with Gunnapa Chittee, Eram Rauze &ca : Merchts: of Tevenapattam, for an Investmt: of pags: 20000 for themselves & with Viabo Chittee &ca: Joynt Stock Merchts: of Cuddalore for pags: 10000 which is as much as they could be prevailed with to undertake for, on such terms and conditions in proportion, as Gunnapa Chittee, Eram Rauze &ca : Partners have, as ℘ inclosed List of the same may appear, by which yor: Honr: &ca : may observe yt: Betteelas and Neckcloths of any sort, are quite left out; ye: former because we could not agree [to] their price, & the latter because the Merchts : would not be induced to undertake for any, which last we are not sorry for, as being that sort by which wee could not gaine ourselves any Credit or thanks, if they should prove noe better than those lately sent hence to Fort St: George, they being much better made, & easier procured nearer yor: place, than any we can provide here in the Countrys about us, wch: failure had we but known of some months soonr: we might in some measure have supplyed in another sort of Goods, by soe many fine Dimitys either 18 coveds or 24 coveds long, and 2 coveds broad each, wch: are made within our bounds, to the quantity of about some 2 : 3 or 4 : bales might have been procured & gott ready to be sent by the King William, wch : cannot be done without advanceing money to the Weavours the prices of the 18 covds: long & 2 covds: broad, have been 40 pags ℘ Corge ye best, & those of 24 covds : long & 2 covds : broad, from pags : 60 to 65 good, to 70 Pags : ye best ℘ Corge, concerning wch : we desire your Honr : &ca directions for the time comeing the rather because ye : Honble : Company have wrote for them by their last years shipping, as ℘ copy of their Letter to Fort St George sent us here last year. There may allsoe be made within our bounds a good sort of Cloth of Small checkers of black or blue & white, in manner &

immitation of ye : allejars of red and white, procured at Metchlepatam &ca : places to ye: No: ward ; the Sorts made here are about 16 covds : long & 2 covds : broad, from 11 & 12 to 13 pags : per Corge & may be of good use for Barbers Aprons, as well as shirts for ye : better sort of seamen, & ships officers.

The Merchts : here by the continued practice of such small abatemts : between number & number (as your Honrs : &ca : well observes) made in ye : sevll : former contracts between ye : Honble : Compa : & them : wch : by soe long a tract of time hath gained the force of standing custome, so much to ye : Merchts : advantage ; as yt they are loth to part or lett goe their hold of any thing yt : makes soe well for their Interest ; whereas in all well made contracts, ye : difference & abatemt : of price upon lower numbers, should pinch the Merchants Soe senceably, as that they should think it their interest and advantage, to bring in none under ye : head musters ; but this is not a proper time to make any such tryall.

We have consider'd all ye : probabillitys wee can, to a complyance wth : yor expectation of ye: 600 bales you relye upon us for, towards the ladeing of ye King William ; in which God willing we shall not faile you, if our Merchts : will be faithfull to ye : performance of what they have promised, & ye: season favourable for the carriage & travelling of their Cloth : We have therefore sent your Honour &ca : ye : calculate of all ye : Bales, their late as well as new Contract can make up : and Eram Rauze &ca : Partners have promised to bring into our bounds 150 bales on their new Contract, by Christmas day, provided you supply them sufficiently with money, requireing the whole to be made in two paymts :. Wee have therefore the better to encourage their endeavours, given them one bill of Exchange for pags 6,000 drawn on your Honr : &ca : at ten days sight, payable to Vengana and Maura Chittee and we must oblige ye : Cuddalore Merchants by giving them a Bill in two or three days more, for about pagodas 4,000 on this present new Contract.

We have no Presses here, nor never had belonging to ye : Honble : Company as haveing never been used in this place ; & what is worst of all the want of good & proper timbers to make them of, & Teak (if we had it) is too brittle for yt : use ; but ye Screws ought to be made of Europe Iron, wch : we depend upon your Honr: &ca : for, to be sent us by the first fair oppertunity that offers & then we shall take care of packing our brown Cloth by them soe well, as to avoid the extremity of over doeing, to ye : prejudice of the same.

We are very low in Cash, & shall be hard putt to it, to pay off this month charges Garrison wch : encreases upon us at this time, by so much ye : more as we are necessitated to receive and to entertain in ye Companys service, all ye : best & most likely Topasses, as offer themselves, wch : charges extraordinary we shall lighten, So soon as the apprehensions of any fear of trouble to this place is removed.

We send your Honour &ca : our Gunners accott : of the stores of powder in this Fort & at Cuddalore &ca : outguards ; and to make more now, ye: season of ye : year will not permit, no[r] have we any conveniency for safe lodgeing ye: same, wch : is ye needfull at present, but that we are with all due respect.

Srs :

Yor : Honrs : &ca : most Obedient
Humble Servants.

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd : Mountague.
Ri : Farmer.
Tr : Games.
Robt : Cranwell.
John Berlu.

*P.S.*—It being very probable for us to beleive yt : ye : Howld : may have been dispatched some days agoe, we have by this conveyance withdrawn our Tappy [Pe]ons.

W : F.
R.I :
R : F.

GELDRIA ATT PULLICAT YE 5TH : NOVR : 1700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR :
PRESIDENT OF THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL
& GOVR OF FORT ST : GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL.

No: 102. I find myself in the highest Obliged in sending me your Generous Complimt : wch : Messrs : Empson & Meverell have Affirmed by word of mouth & wch : yor : civill Letter of the 22d : October has assured me of thanking yor Honour hartily for your kind salutations of me upon my arriveall here wch : I shall strive to [retaliate by all] oppertunitys, dareing to assure your Honour that the Esteem I have for your person shall make me more ready & in sincerity & with all Possible application to contribute to the praise worthy & good understanding there is between our two Nations wch : Heavens grant may continue allwayes & bring your late dispatcht ship safe to Europe wch : is the hearty wishes of yors : &ca :

DIRCK COMANS.

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FORT ST : DAVID OCTOBR : 29TH : 1700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR :
PRESIDT : & GOVERNR : OF FORT
ST : GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL.

Honble : &ca :

No : 103 Recd : 31st : Octbr : 1700. This is cheifly to advise yt : we have passed a Bill of Exchange (of yesterdays date) to Viabo Chittee &ca : Joint Stock Merchts : of Cuddalore for pags : 4000 drawn on your Honr : &ca : at six day's sight payable to Botchu Chittee and Callastre Chittee on Accot : their new and late Investments as formerly advised in ours of the 22d : Instant.

Wee request that such plank for the presses which we are to Pack our brown goods by, may be sent us full sizeable in length, breadth, and thickness as may fitt them to ye : use required, but that the screwes be made of Iron.

Here came yesternight two Peons from Anjango who tell us of a ship of our Rt : Honble : Companys being arrived there, some 2 or 3 days before their comeing thence, they could neither tell us the ship, nor the Commanders name, but that Mr : Dubois was come out upon said ship, we would not permit the Peons to stop or stay any longer here than to refresh themselves and be gone, because we know not, but that the pacquett, they have may be of that Importance, as to require hast thô upon the Supposition of their being weary, & hard travelled, we beleive this may reach your hands, before their Pacquett, which is the reason of our adviseing the same, & is what at present offers, but that we are with due respect.

Srs :
Your Honrs : &ca : most Obedt :
Humble Servants,

WILLIAM FRASER.
RALPH INGRAM.
RI : FARMER.
ROBT : CRANWELL.
JOHN BERLU.

This Letter requireing hast to be sent away, is ye reason it hath not been sent to Cuddalore to be signed by the rest of the Councill there.

JOHN BULTEEL SECRY :

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METCHLEPM : OCTOBER 23d : 1700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR :
PRESIDT : & GOVERNR : OF FORT ST :
GEORGE &CA : COUNCIL.

Srs :

No : 104. Recd : 5th Novr : 1700 Your Honrs : &ca : of 4th Instant wee received the 20th : & have prevail'd with ye : Merchts : to contract for ten thousand Pagodas more, for the January shipping, coppy of contract, comes Inclosed, as likewise an accot : of what money we have paid the Merchts : on each contract, & what will be dew to them at the finishing.

Mr: Frewens Contract for January is but for six thousand Pagodas, whether or noe he can inlarge it, we cannot as yet tell, thô we wrote them concerning it, & sent them the copy of list of goods ; but as yet have receiv'd no answer.

Wee have made use of the liberty, your honr : &ca : gives us, & have drawn a Bill on you For ten thousand Pagodas payable to Muddu Perrimal & Yendoor Trippaty at five days sight, five thousand Pagodas of it being on the first contract, & five thousd : on the second, wch : hope your Honour &ca : will please to accept of.

Your Honour &cas : ill opinion of Woolston is not soe great as he deserves, thô he is carest by the Consull, & made Book keeper & is to be Chief of Maddapollam att the Consulls, return from thence as he himselfe says.

Observeing that your Honour &ca : Presses for affidavits, concerning the Nabobs Letter, & Short Cloth, Mr : Foquett sent the Inclosed note to Mr : Woolston, & recd : the Inclosed answer, but as to the affirmation of Mr : Noden, it was not that Mr : Lovell had the Letter, but that he saw it, in Woolstons hands, & he declared he sent it to Mr : Lovell, and as to the short Cloth, wee will not only send two affidavits, but if your Honour &ca : pleases Ten. Mr. Lovells allowing of this has been the occasion of abundance of trouble we have had with the Merchts : who whenever we turn out a peice of Cloth for want of length or breadth, presently cry out Mr : Lovell took in such, thô they have promis'd they will bring in none such for the future.

We have made some inquiry about the flower of the Tree they Chank their Chay goods with, & shall give your honour &ca : an account of it by the next oppertunity.

Our Generall Letters shall for the future come from the best hand wee have.

Wee did not detain the Pattamar but dispeeded them the same day.

Yor : honrs : &ca : observation that a third of our Contract is in Gulconda Betteelas, is very true, but yet not soe many as has been in former Contracts, as to the sheets, & neckloths, we did not know they were in such request besides Maddapollam is ye : cheif place for sheets and with [submission we] think your Honours &ca liberty for chay goods extended to the January shipping, for the future shall provide none, nor Book Percollas.

The Merchants has delivered us two Musters, of fine shady Betteelas, one of which will, as they say, be five Pagodas ℘ peice, we have given 'em to the Washers, and shall as soon as washed, send 'em to your Honour &ca : as likewise Musters of Neckcloths.

Tis credibly reported, that the old Seer lascar Fuckrula Caune, is comeing Governour of these parts againe.

We have not elce to inform your Honour &ca : but Subscribe ourselves.

Your Honr : &ca : most obedt :
humble : servants

John Foquett.
Joseph Hiller.
Thoms : Faucet.
John Rowland.

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Metchlepm : October 23, 1700.

Mr : Woolston.

Sr :

Sometime since you informed me that the Nabobs letter directed to Govr : Pitt you sent to Mr : Lovel who utterly denys the Receipt of it I desire you would please to confirme (if true) undr : your hand and you'l oblige. No : 105. Recd : 5th Novr : 1700.

Your Humble Servant
John Foquett.

METCHLEPM: YE: 23D: OCTOBR: 1700.

WORSPLL: SR:

Nº: 106. I have already confirmed, that I sent the Nabobs Letter under Covert directd to Mr: Lovell; in my letter to Governour Pitt when he desired to be satisfyed in that Point, to which I did set my hand, & know not what other confirmation can be expected I am

Sr

Your Humble Servant

SAMLL: WOLSTON.

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FORT ST DAVID 14 NOVEMBER 1700.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT PRESIDT:
& GOVR: OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

HONBLE: &CA:

Nº: 107. Recd: 18th Novr: 1700. We are now with yours of the 29th: last month which we received the 3d Instant at night, and was read next day after in a full Councill, excepting Mr: Haynes, who was then indisposed; which being our Kings birthday, we commemorated with feasting, & some publick rejoyceings, with all Sociable good Company wch: continued and closed that day, which we thought not a proper time to enter upon cross purposes of any interogatorys required by that Letter; and the continued rains we have had ever since hath hindred our meeting in a full Councill till the 11th following, when the Letter was read a second time, the acrimony part of it relateing to our Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company we hope by our following answer to mollifie (which is our Cheif aim in such manner as may be satisfactory to your Honr: &ca: as well as justify and acquitt us from any blame in that matter.)

What we wrote to the Rt: Honble: Company by the Howland, relateing to Broad Cloth and all manner of stores, which your Honr: &ca: are pleased to observe as irregularitys, and presumptions in us, was grounded upon former Letters & advices of Governr: Hatsell &ca: Councill here; sent home by the Fame and Martha as may more plainely appear if refference [be had] to the Rt: Honble: Companys Generall Letter to this place, dated in London the 21st: Novr: 1699 Copy of which we received here in July last, wherein their Honours doe not onely commend the sending such advices but also injoyn our continuance of the same in complyance to which we wrote as we did, thinking it our duty to do so, but not immagining our obedience should be construed to any Irregularitys or presumption in us, concerning what is wanting of stores, and most vendable of Europe Goods here, seeing we did not presume nor take upon us to direct or advise their Honrs: what they should send out to any other place or part of the Coast, but ourselves, to whom they speak in their said Letter, which for the future we shall forbear to doe, in obedience to your orders. As to our art of Government as you are pleased to mention, we confess it is to be wished that not only diferences, but the causes of them are to be avoided as much as possible; thô the best constituted societys are not free but att sometime or other, difference has or may have happened; and it was soe among the Apostles themselves, to the exactitude of whose lives, rules and precepts, we cannot pretend, in which sence we mean not what is allowable in the fair way of argueing and debateing any weighty matter, for cloth is not made without some thread; or yarn be cast cross in the Loom.

As to what your Honr: &ca: are pleased to say of our advantagious investments for quantity, quallity, and prices, and other benefitts to the Company, which eclipses yours, doe what you can, at first sight seemed obscure, as if it had been wrote in Cypher the Inversion of which we take to be the true key for us to understand, your meaneing by, which is right, though we remember not by all our former Generall Letters we ever advanced any thing as should offer a comparison with your much better management of affairs, than ours here; but it is true, we obliged our Merchts: upon our late and present Contracts, to promise

their Cloth in all their Sev[l]: Species, should be brought in as good and cheap as the same sorts the Maderass Merchants provided, according to the severall new musters sent us from the Fort which was required of us and we advised your Hon[r]: &c[a]: accordingly; all which comes not up to any comparison; so that upon the [premises it doth] not appear that the Deputy Gov[r]: has deviated from that rule he guided himself by, when in Councill at Fort S[t]: George, where he preferred your Merchants Cloth much above any sent hence, that he had occasion to view and Compare, and hath wrote the same to your honour &c[a]: formerly, as well as lately to the Hon[ble]: Company in our Generall Letter by the Howland, relateing to former Investments in this place, but we hope the present may please better.

Wee observe what you are pleased to advise of Saliman Cawn and Doud Cawn we shall take care by all best prudent rules, we can, as becomes those forewarned of so inveterate an Enemy as we take Salliman Cawn to be, thô we doe not fear him, according to the preparations we have already and shall make at Cuddalore, that he will attempt that place; and do wish that the other villages and avenues of our bounds, especially Trepopolore, were so well secured; in order to which shall doe something so soon as the Raines are over, meantime shall be as watchfull as we can, and endeavour to gain the best intelligence as much as possible. The 2[d]: Instant we had news from our Spyes att Trevidy that Jemsid Cawn with above 300 Horse were arrived there, & soon after at his Heels 200 of Dowd Cawns Horse, under the Command of one Dahim Cawn, and about some three days agoe, 100 Horse more of Dowd Cawn's your Mulla at Trividy advices to be arrived there, with complements of friendship from Dowd Cawn to Jemsed Cawn, congratulateing some good news the latter had receiv'd from the Mogull; at the reading of whose Letter, Jemsed Cawn, caused all the Guns in Trevidie Fort to be fired of; the pretended ground for their difference is said to be matters of acco[ts]: only but there hath not hitherto been any acts of Hostillity between them; but that all matters are like to be accomodated in a friendly manner; at the first report of which we took all care possible to put Cuddalore in a Posture of defence.

Wee have received of M[r]: Ingram into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash, Pag[s]: 152 : 18 : and of the Deputy Govern[r]: Pag[s]: 58 : 25 for which we have given two Bills of Exchange drawn on your honour &c[a]: each at 3 dayes sight, the first payable to M[r]: Charles Bugden, the other to M[r]: John Afflack. We formerly advised the low condition of our Cash, to which we had no answer, and we know not well what to doe to pay of this months Charges Garrison, thô we made a shift to pay the last months we wish a supply may be sent us in Company with one of your Ministers, whom we hope your Honour &c[a]: intend shall vissit us tow[ds]: Christmas next, if no other opportunity offers sooner for a safe conveyance; for indeed their is little pleasure in labouring under the difficulty's of a low Cash in a Garrison, and angry Letters at the same time; but we are truely thankfull that you have honoured all our bills drawn on you with acceptance, and prompt payments, for which reason we shall not be wanting here on our part to press our Merchants all we can to the performance of their promise of the quantity of Bales required and expected of us, which they say we may depend upon certainly; & the better to effect the same, we have obliged our chief washer man to encrease their number, which he has done by bringing here from Porto Novo & other places 20 washer men yesterday.

Wee shall endeavour a conformity to the rules you give for our direction, in makeing any Investments for the future.

The Dimity Weavours with us are no more than six looms, who were forced hither some sev[ll] :years ago, in the extremity of the then famine from their native Country of Metchlep[m]: and have continued here ever since; and they being so few, it will prove the work of sometime before they can make any quantity as we formerly advised; their whole six looms weaveing at most no more then 20 pieces in a months time but the cheif man of them has promised the Deputy Govern[r]: yesterday that he will bring ten more of his cast, in 20 days time, with their familys to live in Cuddalore provided the Hon[ble]: Company does Employ them that

they may gaine a livelihood, which is promis'd they shall, which we will confirme to them in Council when the rest of them are come, and concert termes & conditions with all of them.

Wee shall send your Honr &ca a peice or two of the chequered sort of Cloth you mention, so soon as they are come from washing which may be sometime next week, the Deputy Governour haveing employed some looms in the makeing those sorts for his perticuler Accott: the best of them for musters shall be sent for your view and choice with their respective prices.

Wee take notice of what you say as to our stores of powder, which we shall observe and doe according to your orders.

Wee send your Honour &ca by these peons 28 sealed papers 20 of which contain 5 fanams each & the other 8 Papers containe one Pag: each being indifferently taken out of the Severall parcells of Pags: and fanams that have been lately coined in the mint of Cuddalore endorsed and distinguished by their Severall numbers, amounting to Pagodas 13:20 fanams Madrass, which when assayed with you, please to advise us how they prove.

Concerning the Letter to your Honour &ca: signed by severall of the Councill here. Mr: Haynes had the copy of his note to the Deputy Governour produced to him, which he confessed but that he thought the Deputy Governour notwithstand [ing] any such advice of his ought to have comunicated and consulted the necessary orders on the same with the rest of the Councill in the Fort but it [was] made appeare, and proved in Councill on the 11th instant that there was no more of the Councill then Messrs: Ingram & Cranwell that night in the Fort to the latter it was sent for his peruseall the former being asleep in bed. Mr: Farmer being then in Cuddalore, which Mr Haynes till then did not remember but says that the Letter he signed was not so much in the nature of a complaint, as a humble enquiry into some points, to know what the Deputy Governr: in such cases might or ought to doe, or not to doe, in which now he seems satisfied.

Mr: Cranwell did not intercept any note sent to the Deputy Governour, which we clear him of; but that he was very earnest and desireous to see it, which he importuned the more by the authority of his place & station is evidently plain.

Mr: Berlu does not insist on any point of justifying his carriage and behaviour to the Deputy Governour in his lodgeings on the 30th August last, but excuses the same to some other cause which was then predominant and prevailed with him which he says he is sorry for, & promises to doe so no more, which last we wish may prove true.

The new Juncaneers placed by Doud Cawn at all the severall stages between us and Fort St. George gives great trouble to our peons, by stoping them in their goeing and comeing; concerning which we request the Honble: President may be pleased to write to Doud Cawn; which is the needfull at present in answer to yours save that we are with all due respect.

Honble: &ca:
Yor: most Obedt: humble: servants.

William Fraser.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd: Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
Trevor Games.
Robt: Cranwell.
John Berlu.

MADDAPOLLAM 6TH : NOVEMBER 1700.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT PRESIDT :
AND GOVR : OF FORT ST : GEORGE &CA : COUNCILL.

Honble : Sr : &ca : N . 108.

Yours of the 4th past we received the 22d with the Rt : Honble : Companys seal for this factory & returne your Honour &ca : the Fort St : George seal. Recd : 22 : Novr : 1700.

Wee gladly observe that your Honour &ca approves of the present we made Ranga Rause & shall take particular care not to receive any more presents from him or any body else that will put the Company to the charge of makeing returns, being Sencible it is more out of a design of getting double the vallue from us then reall friendship, he is at present up in the Country with his Master who is att warr with the Pollegars with whom they have fought, the Pollegars have taken his masters son Prisoner and cutt off his head, and there is no certaine news of them, so that it is Generally beleived that they are also cutt of by the Pollegars.

Wee have made the best enquiry we can of the Merchants and Conicoplys what they gave Mr Woolston last Contract, but the Merchants will not own that they gave him any thing but the Companys Conicoply says that he had 150 Pags & 14 ps of fine long Cloth, 4 ps of which the Merchants gave him, & 10 ps he promised to pay them for, but never did, that he knows off.

Wee have used our best endeavours with our Merchants to enlarge our Investment for next month but cannot prevaile with them to make it more then nine thousand Pagodas and cannot procure any other sorts then what is mentioned in said contract, against that time, except one bale of each sort of the Betteelas which we send your Honour &ca : musters of by these Peons to measure when washed 15½ yards long and 1 yard broad the Plaine at 40 pags ℔ Corge, the pack thread striped at 35 Pagodas and the narrow striped at 30 Pags which if your Honour &ca : approves of they are willing to make a considerable [quantity of each sort] for ye : next Investment but cannot prevaile with them to abate anything of the price, telling us the new Company gives soe much, and their muster not so good.

Upon their promiseing to inlarge our Investment for December we paid them the 25th past one thousand Pags : (thô it was not due by their contract till November) and they are now at us for more money, but we have not two hundred Pags : in Cash, and have wrote to Metchlepm for a supply who advise that they are as low in Cash as wee, therefore we desire your Honour &ca : will send a speedy supply or else our Merchants will not be able to comply with their promise.

Wee have also a prospect of getting five or six thousand Pagodas worth of goods from Goalore Narraine one of the Dutch cheif Merchants at Dasheroon, who was here about a month agoe, & would willingly have been concerned with our Merchts : if they would permit it to goe in his sons name (a boy of about 10 years of age) and he would provide what Cloth the Merchants should order him for his sons share of the contract, (but they would not by any means agree to it, because their contracted time was near expired, and they had given out their money for all the goods contracted for, but promised that, his son should be concerned in the next Investment.

Hee then made this proposall to us of provideing five or six thousand Pags : of goods on the same terms we make with our Merchants deliverable in Decembr : and not to receive the money till the goods were all brot : into the factory, and would bring some more Dutch merchants to be concerned with him in said contract, but wee could not then agree with him not knowing whether your Honour &ca : would have us enlarge our Investment, but upon receipt of your Letter we wrote [to him to provide the Goods] and bring [the merchants] with him to signe a contract for [the same] which he has promised, and to bring a considerable quantity of Goods with him in few days, but it must goe in his sons name, because he belongs to the Dutch as soon as they have signed the contract we will send it to your Honour &ca : with the proposealls they shall make for next years Investment.

Wee could as easily have sent your Honour &c$^{a}$: a Translate of our Merchants proposealls as the Contract, but thought it might have been more satisfactory to have a copy in Jentue signed by the Merch$^{ts}$: The Translate your Honour sent us agrees with the Translate of the originall entered in our Consultation Book only in the Ginghams which are Gingham sheets, and not Izarees as your Honour &c$^{a}$: takes them for.

Wee have endeavoured the sale of the Horse, but cannot here; therefore have sent him to Metchlep$^{m}$: to be disposed of there.

Wee should be very willing to retrench the charges of this Factory if we knew how to doe it in any particular not knowing that we have one Serv$^{t}$: that is not necessary and usuall for the Cheife & Councill to have, If your Honour &c$^{a}$: would have us to live as such, and keep up the creditt of our R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Masters.

Wee would have made our Investment of more variety, but that we had not musters of any other sorts, nor any List of Goods most proper for the Europe Markett, but shall in our next Investment observe the List M$^{r}$: Foquett has sent us, & have Musters a makeing which we will send to your Honour &c$^{a}$: for your approveall when done.

We have almost done repaireing the Factory House, a Particular Acco$^{t}$: of which we will send your Honour &c$^{a}$: by the next conveyance.

The House which formerly belonged to the second, y$^{e}$: weight of the Tarris has broke Sev$^{l}$: of y$^{e}$: timbers and fallen in; which cannot be repaired & is of no use to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Company therefore if your Honour &c$^{a}$: pleases, we will pull it down, and dispose of the Brick and Timbers which we beleive will more then defray the charges we shall be at to repaire the Factory.

We shall want two or three peices fine Broad Cloth for presents haveing none in the Factory and some Broad Cloth ordinary Perpetuanos, and Looking glasses, haveing frequent occasion to make presents to the under Governours for the passing of our goods, which if we refuse to doe they will stop them, it being customary to present them once a year, tho all the presents we have made since we have been here (besides Ranga Rauze) will not amount to fifty Pagodas and doe hope we shall not have occasion to make any more for this years Investment.

Wee have now in the Factory but 233 p$^{s}$: of Long Cloth ready for sorting with 24 p$^{s}$: of Gingham sheets, & 46 p$^{s}$: of 15 coved Percollaes and at the Washers 103 p$^{s}$: of Long Cloth, 37 p$^{s}$: Gingham sheets 118 p$^{s}$: of 15 coveds percollaes, and 61 p$^{s}$: of Sallampores but the Merchants does promise that in a few days they will bring in the full amount of their Contract for 6000 Pagodas above 200 peices of long [cloth] was stoped at Dasheroon by the Juncaneers which we have cleared by sending a small present and is expected here in a day or two. / We are

Hon$^{ble}$: S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:

Your Hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: most Obed$^{t}$: Hum$^{ble}$: Serv$^{ts}$:

STEPHEN FREWEN.
EDMUND BUGDEN.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.

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VIZAGAPATAM NOVEMBER 2$^{D}$ 1700.

TO THE R$^{T}$: HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT ESQ$^{R}$:
PRESID$^{T}$: & GOV$^{R}$: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R$^{T}$:
HON$^{BLE}$: ENG: EAST INDIA COMPANY &C$^{A}$: COUNCILL.

R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: &c$^{a}$:

No. 109. Rec$^{d}$: 22nd Nov. 1700.

This comes to advise your Honour &c$^{a}$: that after much fatigue and many long Harrangues we have at last concluded on a Contract with our Merch$^{ts}$: for the terms &c$^{a}$: whereof, we referr your Honour &c$^{a}$: to inclosed Copy and accompanying musters hopeing what we have transacted herein will meet your approbation.

On the 30$^{th}$: ultimo we were Honoured with yours of the 4$^{th}$: Ditto observeing the arriveall of the Howland which we were glad to hear, we shall for the future send all our advices by our own Peons especially if of consequence and the reason we send those advices of the 20$^{th}$: July by other hands was to save charges.

The revolutions of the Country are now quite over & the inhabitants againe peaceable settled in their dwellings carrying on their respective trades soe that your Honour &ca: may depend on full returns of the old arrears ꝑ the King William & we hope most part of the new Investment and the remainder on some other shipping by the time prefixt in season for her departure.

Wee shall procure the Roccas from the Nabob according to your desire, and send them to Mr: Foquett and forward their copies to your Honour &ca:

The Cheif when he was last year at Chiccacull obtained the Priviledge of the Madrass Rupees passing Currant in all Payments as well in the Kings Revenues as in Trade, and they accordingly doe soe here, and are now of more esteem then any Rupees whatever for any person will receive them without putting himself to the trouble of a shroff & which soe noe other Rupees will pass, where it is they are refused if your Honour &ca: [pleases] to advise us & if in [our] Government we shall insist upon the priviledge granted us by Fuckera Saib & doubt not of induceing him to confirm it.

Wee observe Mr Woolstones base treachery and doubt not, but it will thrive with him accordingly.

The King William stayed here five dayes and wch: was to water & victuall carrying with her severall [head] of live Cattle & on noe other Account neither buying or selling to the amount of Rupees 1,000 & we had no orders to give her a dispatch.

Our Generall Books you shall be sure to have before the King Williams arrivall if Mr: Owens indisposition does not prevent it, he returns your Honour &ca: thanks for permitting him to come on the King William which he designs to embrace.

Wee shall want besides a person to succeed Mr: Owen a Writer which we hope your Honour &ca: will supply us with ꝑ first oppertunity.

Your Pacquett to Bengall we immediately according to direction forwarded by forty four trusty and nimble Peons & doubt not but it will arrive according to your expectation there.

Wee are quite out of Factors Provisions of all sorts wherefore desire your Honour &ca: to send us some ꝑ first oppertunity.

The musters of narrow striped Betteela's are already with your Honour &ca: & we enclose our last 2 Months Account Cash & remaine.

Rt: Honble: &ca:
Your most faithfull humble Servts:

Simon Holcombe.
Samuell Owen.
Thomas Stables.

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Fort St: David, 26 November 1700.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt President &
Governor of Fort St: George &cA: Councill.

Honble: &ca:

Since our last of the 14 Instant, & the weather soe fair, our Merchants have brought in good store of Cloth of severall sorts, so that we are in no fear of any failure of the [quantity] you depend upon us for, but our cheif care is now how to get that quantity washed & embaled time enough to answer your expectation for the ladeing of the King William wch: we still hope we shall, with as little brown Goods as possible we can; white Cloth makeing the best Package & Tonnage; for which reason we request that so many of your washermen as can well be Spared, may be sent us; hearing that some have left your parts thrô: want of Employ, which we cannot easily beleive. The Bengall ropes last Sent us were mostly Short peices, and seems to have been used, they proveing so rotton that they often snap & break in the braceing, and packing of our bales, especially our fine Goods, which causes some hindrance to our Packers in the Dispatch of their work.

No. 110.
Recd: 29: De- 1700

Our Merchants have been so importunate for money, as that they have prevailed with us to give them Bills upon your Honour &c^a^ for 12000 Pag^s^: Viz^t^: to Viabo Chittee &c^a^ Joint Stock Merchants one Bill of Exchange for Pag^s^: 5000 at six days sight payable to their Factors Botchu Chittee, and Callastra Chittee, & to Eram Rauze &c^a^ Partners one Bill of Exchange for Pag^s^: 7000 at six days sight payable to Vengana, & Maura Chittee. We have receiv'd of M^r^ Farmer into the Comp^a^: Cash Pag^s^: 150 for which we have given one Bill drawn upon your Honour &c^a^ at six days sight payable to M^r^ Francis Bett all which Bills we pray may be honoured with acceptance, which will encourage [ours] and the Merchants utmost endeavours to the performance of what promised.

We send by these Peons two pieces of the chequered Cloth formerly advised, each being full 16 Coveds long and 2 Coveds broad, and the price the Deputy Governor has paid is 10 pag^s^ ℘ Corge brown from the loom, and has now twelve looms employed in that work for his proper account which may be encreased to the number of about 32 looms, within our bounds this is the first tryall they have made of these sorts, but hope in time they may improve their better makeing of them, equall to the like sorts at Metchlepatam concerning which (if you approve of them) we desire your directions & what name you'le please to have them known by, those to the Northward (if we remember right) being called Allejaes. Wee think of no more to add at present, but that we are with all respect.

Hon^ble^: &c^a^:
Your Hon^rs^: &c^a^: most Obed^t^: hum^ble^: Servants.

William Fraser,
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm^D^: Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
Trevor Games.
Rob^T^: Cranwell.
John Berlu.

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Fort William Nov^R^ 13^TH^ 1700.

To the Hon^BLE^: Thomas Pitt Esq^R^: President for affairs of the Hon^BLE^: English East India Company on y^E^: Coast of Chormandell West Coast &c^A^ & Gov^R^ of Fort S^T^ George &c^A^: Councill.

No. 111. Rec^d^: 2d: Dec^r^: 1700 ℘ par Recovery

S^rs^:

Our last was the 5^th^ September Copy whereof comes enclosed, since have yours of the sevent[h] August by the King William, which we are dispatching towards you as fast as we can with her Kintalage of petre stores &c^a^: according to the List & shall order her to touch at Vizagapatam, and Metchlepatam in her way to you intending (God willing) that she shall saile from Ballasore by the 25^th^ Instant.

We have not sent for the Lead from the ship being not able to dispose of such vast quantity's at so good rates as you can. The Charterparty shall be returned with the ship.

Wee want the Charterparty proportion of Redwood for the Cholchester and Anna, and what is procurable here is at so high a price that we doe not think it for our masters advantage to buy it.

If you can send a quantity down on freight on any vessell in January it may arrive here time enough for the Anna.

Our Competitors goe on very slowly in their business, the ship they design directly home we beleive will be late, and it is doubtfull whether they will be able to send the other to Metchlepatam with any bales. The London they design directly for England and the Tankerveile to Metchlepat^m^. The Antelope they have but just dispatched home & a very weakly ship manned cheifly with forreigners

Wee expect the Chambers Frigatt will be at home as soon as she being in a manner laden. The Fame we hope to dispatch the latter end of next month.

The Colchester in January and the Anna in Feb^y: we were in hopes you could have spared us some bales but by other advices we fear the contrary we have nothing of moment to offer to you but we are.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your most faithfull & hum^ble: Serv^ts :

CHARLES EYRE.
JOHN BEARD.
JONATHAN WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

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METCHLEPATAM NOVEMBER 24 : 1700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCILL.

S^rs :

Wee receiv'd your Honours &c^a: of 22 Ultimo & 6^th: Instant & are very glad the Howland was dispatched with so good a cargoe, God send her well to her desired Port. N^o. 112. Recd: 6th: Dec^r: 1700.

Wee are very glad to hear your Honour &c^a: approves our goods to be 5 ℘ Cent cheaper than formerly, we shall use our endeavours, to advance their goodness as much as lays in our power, but all those goods that came from hence as well as Maddapolloms, were ready washed when wee came down, wee shall doe what lays in our power for the well washing of them for the future.

Wee acknowledg our fault, as to our sorting & signing Bales Notes, which shall not be so for the future, but Humbly desire your honour &c^a: to let us know who are and who are not capacitated for sorting.

Wee have made the strictest inquiry we can concerning M^r: Lovell and Woolston giveing Dusticks to bring in the new Company Cloth, there are presumptions, but can make no positive proof, & those merchants Maulda Ancha & Mogdula Mally were set at large, at the request of those that imprisoned them.

M^r: Frewen informes us, that there is at Maddapollam ordinary Sallampores & LongCloth but fears the price will not meet with your Honours &c^a: aprobation he has wrote to your Honour &c^a: by this conveyance concerning it the long-Cloth is about Pag^s: 35, the Sallampores 17 : 18.

Wee impatiently wait your Honours &c^a: orders concerning Woolston who certainly is one of the impudents fellow liveing, as your Honour &c^a: will hear from M^r: Frewen he has att severall times before our comeing down conveid away almost everything, that was worth any thing, of which wee have sent your Hon^r: &c^a: a List.

There was likewise, sold out of Maddapollam Factory, as many brass potts, & Panns as came to 59 Pa: by M^r: Lovell, which besides the disgrace, to our Hon^ble: Masters, was never brought to Acco^t: your Honour &c^a: Prosecution of Woolston must be speedy, for he talks of going home in the Tankerville which is he expected the beginning of January, and your Honour &c^a: may be assur'd should come to our factory, wee should take care to secure him, hopeing there is no such Person with us as would advise him of it.

Wee humbly thank your Honour &c^a: for the acceptance and Payment of the Bill of Exchange to Muddu Perrimal & Yendore Trippaty.

Wee were in hopes that in our contracts we had comply'd with your Honour &c^a: orders, wee are sure Narran could inform your Honour &c^a: that wee contracted for as few Chey goods and Gulcundah Betteela's, as we could bring the Merchants to, and with submission, if your Honour &c^a: Pleases to look into our Instructions Paragraph the fifth, our [limitation for Chey] goods extends to the January shipping but [not] after, but could there have been a way found of contracting for less Chey Goods, or Betteela's we should certainly have done it, but the

Merchants alleg'd, they had a great many chey goods, in their hands, & the weavers which they had provided on our acco^t^ : & the time very short & soe would not contract without them.

Wee have made no further progress in our August contract, then wee informed your honour &c^a^: in our last, and had we contracted, should have conform'd as exactly as possible to your Honour &c^a^: Instructions of the 22^d^: of October last, however we have sent your Honour &c^a^: other proposalls, but shall not proceed upon them, till we receive your honour &c^a^ : orders in which proposalls we have brought the merchants to as small a quantity of Gulcondah Betteela's as possible for they will not contract without some of them, wee have likewise brought them to as large a quantity of long cloth, & number of sheets, as they say they can possible provide by August.

And have sent Musters of Neckcloths, and sha[dy] Betteela's, with their lowest prizes, but this wee referr to your Honour &c^a^ : further orders.

It was the occasion of no little Joy to us, to hear of the incorporateing our Masters, that Evening wee sent the News to Maddapollam, with the needfull advices, and sent M^r^: Faucett & M^r^: Rowland to M^r^: Graham (M^r^: Pitt being att Maddapollam) and for his answer referr your Honour &c^a^ : to our Diary.

On Friday 15^th^ : Instant there came one Pedinata a Pulligar, into Gundore demanding of the Government, two Persons, who he said were in this place, his comeing has occasion'd us a great [deale of trouble] & hindrance in our business, a full accouut of which your Honour &c^a^: will have in our Diary.

Our Investment as yet comes in very slowly, thô we dayly expect great quantitys of goods from severall places, Wee have upwards of three thousand p^s^ : Cloth of one sort & another, and are dayly hastning the merch^ts^ : telling them the great disapointment and dammage, it will be to our Masters, should they not comply with their Contract, sometimes incourageing of them other times telling them of the twenty five ℔ c^t^ : they will be forced to pay, to the Hon^ble^ : Company for what Goods shall not be brought in by the time mentioned in their contract and using all the means we can that we may not disapoynt your Honour &c^a^ : expectations, which hope will have it's desired end.

Wee have made bold to draw on your Honour &c^a^ : a small Bill of Exchange for Pag^s^ : 174 : 18 payable at ten days sight to M^r^ : Geo : Lewis & M^r^ : Thomas Wigmore for the like Vallue rec^d^ : of M^r^ : John Foquett, into the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Companys Cash which hope will meet with your Honour &^ca^ : Approbation. Wee have not else at present but subscribe.

Your Honour &c^a^ : most obedient
hum^ble^ : Servants.

John Foquett.
Joseph Hiller.
Thomas Faucet.
John Rowland.

*P.S.*—Midecoin Beek Seer Lascar desires yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : to send him 3 pound weight of China root such as is rather enclined to red then white not rough but smooth, & when put into water will sink.

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Maddapollam 19^th^ : November [1700]

To the Hon^ble^ : Thomas Pitt Presid^t^ :
& Gov^r^ : &c^a^ : Councill in Fort S^t^ : George.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

N^o^. 113. Rec^d^ : 6th : Dec^r^ : 1700.

The inclosed is Copy of our last dated the 6^th^ : Instant since which our Merchants have signed a Contract (copy whereof comes inclosed) for Pag^s^ : 4033 deliverable in December in which is included the 3000 Pag^s^ : which we advised your Honour &c^a^ : in our last that our Merchants had promised and makes both Contracts with our Merchants for December to amo^t^ : to Pag^s^ : 10067 : 9 : 11 : Our merchants have brought us since our last, LongCloth 278 Peices Gingham sheets 166 p^s^: Sallampores 17 p^s^ : and Percolla's of 15 coveds 58 p^s^ : which is all

at the washer's, the merchants were very earnest with us upon signing this Contract for more mony but we could not supply them, and they could not amongst them all advance one thousand Pag^s : to send up in the country to their Weavers but were forced to send to a Dutch Merchant at Pollecoll to borrow it, if your Honour &c^a : do's not send us a speedy supply, (wee) are afraid they will not be able to comply with their Contract neither can we supply them by drawing Bills, nor have wee money to defray the charges of the fac^ry : for next month.

Wee have also made a contract with Goalore Narraine for Pag^s : 3217 : 18 : 11 : deliverable the 25^th : Dec^r : which goes in his son's name and is signed by him who is called Goalore Goba Lingum, & to receive the mony for said Goods when they are brought in and sorted, as your Hon^r : &c^a : will perceive by coppy of said Contract, which comes inclosed, which we hope your Honour &c^a : will approve of ; he would have sign'd a Contract for more provided we would permit the goods to be washed at Dasheroon, or take some of those sorts of Betteelae's which we sent your Honour &c^a : a Muster of with our last which we would not agree to not knowing whether your Honour &c^a : will approve of the small quantity we have contracted for.

M^r : Woolston being here with the Consull wee sent to him to returne some house moveables which he had lent to them of the new ffactory to which he return'd us the inclosed note they are not of any great vallue being only 5 chairs a Table and a small Bell, but we want them and we did advise him that since he would not returne them wee would charge it to his account ; The Companys Braminy also acquaints us that when M^r : Lovell was here he sold out of the ffactory a ꝑcell of Brass Potts to the amount of 39 Pag^s. and that M^r : Woolston did take away the Particular Acco^t : from him, w^ch : makes us suspect that he has not given the R^t : Hon^ble : Company Credit for it wee are.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Yo^r : most Obed^t : hum^ble : Servants
STEPHEN FREWEN.
EDMUND BUGDEN.
JE : HARRISON.

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VIZAGAPATAM THE 18^TH : NOV^R : 1700.

TO THE R^T : HON^BLE : THOMAS PITT
ESQ^R : PRESID^T : & GOV^R : FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^T : HON^BLE : ENG^S : EAST INDIA
COMP^A : &C^A : COUNCILL.

R^t : Hon^ble : &c^a :

The Preceeding lines Coppy of our last accompanying the Coppy of our Contract & Musters which hope you have ere this rec^d : & prov'd to your Content the advice whereof will be very satisfactory to us. No : 114. Recd : 10th Dec : 1700.

Your Pacquett for Bengall was forwarded as you directed & doubt not it's arrivall in due time if the troubles of the roads does not impeed which are again obstructed on the other side Chiccacull but by our Cheifs good Correspondence with those Rajahs &c^a : we hope these Peons will pass unmolested as the former, thô neither the Duan's nor merchants Peons have that liberty & severall going to Ganjam & those parts have been forced to returne.

Wee observe your Honours &c^a ; expeditious dispatch of the Howland with so considerable a cargo, God send her in safety & to a good markett to our Masters.

Wee must acknowledge our washing here to be very ordinary and which indeed is a great disparagement to our cloth, we have used all means to mend it by bringing some washers from Madrass to instruct them & by keeping the Cheif beater sent us in Presid^t : Higginsons time to overlook them & see it well done but tis to little purpose, we have now again advis'd them of your Honour &c^a : Complaint & severly threatned them, & they give us hope of it's amendment for the future but that time must evince.

The notes shall be sign'd by one Person only for the future as you direct thô it has not hitherto been practised by us when we sorted together & we have never yet had any complaint of our sortm$^{t}$: & shall take care never to deserve it, Wee shall lade what brown Cloth we shall have by us on the King Williams arrivall as you direct.

The Ellephants teeth on the Howl$^{d}$ : belong'd not to the new Company or their people but to a Cattaree Merchant & paid Custome here accordingly, the pepper was an Inconsiderate ℘cell & M$^{r}$ : Juxon being ℘mitted to bring it with him from [Madrass] we assented to his relading it for Metchlepatam but are sorry to find your Honour &c$^{a}$ : so resent it, had it been the new Companyes or the ladeing thereof would have anywise benifited them it should have rotted & so would wee too before we would have ℘mitted it & wee hope your Honour &c$^{a}$ : are sencible we have never in the least befriended their affairs but as far as consisted w$^{th}$ : safety impeeded them & which we shall Continue to effect.

Wee are strangely surprised at the 2 p$^{s}$ : of Betteela's being missing in our bales, 'tis the first complaint we have ever had of that nature & upon exami[ni]ng the remains of our Godowns we find all right but the report of the Cap$^{t}$ : & Purser is yet more strange being altogether false for what bales they return'd on shoar as being wet in comeing off we opend & nicely examined them & any p$^{s}$ : that appear'd the least damag'd we took out & put another in it's place haveing remains of the same sort in our Godown & those that were wet we have wash'd here & which your Honour &c$^{a}$ will receive ℘ the King William & w$^{ch}$ : is the present needfull from

R$^{t}$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : &c$^{a}$ :
Your most hum$^{ble}$ : Servants
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMAS STABLES.

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YORK FORT THE 15$^{TH}$ : [MARCH 1700].

TO THE [HON'BLE THOMAS PITT] ESQ$^{R}$ :
PRESIDENT & GOVERN$^{R}$ : FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R$^{T}$ : HON$^{BLE}$ : ENG$^{S}$ : EAST INDIA COMPANY
OVER THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL SUMATRA &C$^{A}$ :
COUNCILL IN FORT S$^{T}$ : GEORGE.

May it please your Honour &c$^{a}$ :

No: 115. Recd: 11 Dec$^{r}$: 1700. After a most Tedious Passage the Scepter arrived at Triamong the 13$^{th}$: December last where we found the Troubles lately accomodated, by the surrender of Ippue, and the Country in a Quiet posture, the Deputy Governour and M$^{r}$: Shaw there staid to have a publick Bitchar, summoning the Mandareens and Proateens as is usuall, also the Dagongs of Sablat, of which Raja Quasso is head, who never before came to any of the English, being he against whom the late Deputy Governour made his Voyage to the Northward, to beat him out of the Country, which was attended with very ill success being by the Cowardice of the Mallays, forced to a dishonourable Retreat reinfect'a. They all now made their publick Recantations for their late rebellion therein acknowledgeing their great crime & futurely promised a perfect obedience & submission to the R$^{t}$ : Hon$^{ble}$ : Company & Sultan Gulimot all of them after being presented Returned to their respective homes, promiseing the laying aside all animosities and to apply themselves wholly to the Planting of Pepper &c$^{a}$ :. for the improvem$^{t}$ : of their Country.

2. Now upon the conclusion of these late unhappy Troubles, of which beleive them pretty well fatigued being near Ippue reduced to great exigency by scarcity of [Provisions their vigorous prosecuting] their rebellion, occasioning a [totall neglect] of their Paddy & Pepper Plantations, those of the latter haveing very much suffer'd so that they'll require some Considerable time to be brought to their late ℘fection

wee hope yet to be able to purchase great Quantityes of Pepper provided we have but suitable supplies of Long Alb$^{s}$: Mexico dollars, those being the onely Current for that Commodity, for we may truely affirme that this Coast of late years hath very much suffered by the frequent want of Money wherewith to Purchase it to the no small discouragement of the natives the ill Consequences of which we have represented to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Company in our Generalls by the Armenian Merchant and the Scepter, copies whereof are remitted for your Honours &c$^{as}$: perusall, also as much of our Diary Acco$^{t}$: Cash &c$^{a}$: Papers as could possibly be got ready during the ship's short stay, wee having been very busy in the dispatch of the two Europe ships could not be in any readiness with our Coppies Designed for Fort S$^{t}$: George.

3. Wee have in our Letter to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Company endeavoured to give them a true and plaine account of their affairs here, esteeming it our Indispensible duties soe to doe, wee w[i]sh it may prove satisfactory these late troubles have created them a great charge in maintaining so many buggasses and Mallays, their discharge now very much Exhausting our small stock as ℘ account cash now Remitted.

4. Wee desire your Honour &c$^{a}$: will please to Creditt us for amount of ship Armenian Merchant and [ship Scepters] Invoice and Debt our acco$^{t}$ fort two Bills of Exchange drawne on the [R$^{t}$ Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$:] for the amount of Dollars 8500 receiv'd of Capt [Carswell and] Cap$^{t}$: Phenney, without which accident [all sup]plies, should have been destitute of Money for [the] purchasing Pepper.

5. The severall Bills drawn on your Honour &c$^{a}$: by the late Deputy Governour and Councill, the Respective sums were all rec$^{d}$: into the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Companys Cash, here, as ℘ Copy of said Letter now remitted.

6. M$^{r}$: Mildmay's Estate hath made good the charge of his Tomb, and M$^{r}$: Broughton hath paid into Cash the amount of M$^{r}$: Kennedy's Bond being Dollars 690. also now Remits the Ballance of his Estate here; the freight of the Pepper was likewise adjusted by M$^{r}$: Mildmay.

7. M$^{r}$: Broughton &c$^{a}$: did make what inspection they could into the Books and Acco$^{ts}$: to give your Honour &c$^{a}$: satisfaction about M$^{r}$: Sowdens Complaint, but there being no storek$^{rs}$: accounts of M$^{r}$: Kiddells prevents the possibility of any further Inquisition here.

8. Wee continued on board the Scepter 599 [bales] for Europe, takeing out as few as possible, wee dispatched her the 2$^{d}$: Instant haveing loaden upon her 12 Tuns more then her Tunnage, she sailed the 5$^{th}$: d$^{o}$: we hope shee'l save her Passage which they seem not much to Question expecting to be at S$^{t}$: Hellena as soon as the Armenian who wee dispatched the 19$^{th}$: past, saileing the 20$^{th}$: wee pray them both a safe arrivall so that therein hope have fully answer'd your Honour &c$^{as}$: expectations.

9. Wee [have a boat of Pepper] lately come from Sablat being the first [from those parts] these many years, wee hope to have a good considerable quantity in two or three months more, ready in our godowns for any ship that comes this way to Take it in, from England or the Coast, if our stock of Mexico Dollars will but hold out.

10. M$^{r}$: Barkham still continuing here there is no Vacancy for M$^{r}$: Gough in the Councill but so soon as one offers your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{as}$: Injunctions shall be observed.

11. M$^{r}$: Frith hath been at Triamong most of the time since his returne to the Coast, where he hath been very serviceable to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: in assisting M$^{r}$: Eyton dureing his late tedious sickness being very well acquainted with those parts, so that could wish your Honour &c$^{a}$: could Dispense with his continuance there a little longer he seeming to have a due sence of his past Miscariages.

12. Wee have put M$^{r}$: Hughes &c$^{a}$: in mind of writing to their friends to give security for them in England, and have since entertain'd Joseph Hilton a Writer, he haveing behaved himself well, & Capable of business, hopeing your Honour &c$^{as}$: approbation, desireing also a further supply of assistance, ℘ first, our Accounts both here & at Trimong being very much behind hand and at the latter

place there is none skill'd in accounts so that we absolutely want a person of Experience in accounts to bring up these Books, two of our Writers here are also much Indisposed.

13. As to the Improvement of the place & Trade; our utmost Endeavours shall not be wanting, haveing Humbly Offer'd to the Rt: Honble: Company what we think may conduce to it, as your Honour &ca: will see by the Coppies now sent.

14. [The trusting of the Petty Princes here is what] wholly cannot be [avoided however, all posssible caution] shall be used therein that [the Rt: Honble: Compa: be] come not sufferers by [it].

15. Wee lately had [the Melancholly News from] Triamong that Raja [Addill is contriving newtro]ubles, to the Northward, which makes them write for more men, and really this Garrison is but in a poor condition, as appears by the List now sent, many of them being also sick, & 5 Dead at Tryamong since our arrivall & 3 here, your Honour &ca: will see wt: we have wrote to England about the removeing that Factory, the scituation being so very bad, hopeing you'll please to order it, for 'tis now ready to Tumble on their heads, & the building it at Bentall at once will not much increase the charge.

16. Without there be a considerable force of about 200 men, Europeans and Portugueze, on this Coast wee beleive these Countrys will never continue long in Quiet, as it hath been found by fatall Experience, for when they see wee are not able to protect them they will be always wavering in their allegiance to prevent this, Such a Constant force we beleive to be the only expedient.

17. Wee do & shall continue to observe your Honr: &cas: Injunctions for the transacting all affairs of Moment in Consultation & see that in the private Trade all persons be allowed an Equall freedom not Questioning but to prevent all Just complaints in that kind.

18. Mussoolas if could make the Coffrees manage them would be of great use on this Coast, & would futurely prevent those great Losses, the Company have sustained for want of them, this wee have signif[yed to their Honrs: as per the Inclosed generalls remitted.

19. The Rups: sent for a Tryall by the Anne went off currant for] halfe a Ps 8/8 each, and none since appe [aring argues] their Esteeme, wee Desire about 2000 more [for a further] Experiment, also the amount of [2000 ps: in] fanams, they being very Currant and now scarce at Triamong, wee shall Endeavour also to make them pass here, the Proffit on them being considerable.

20. Wee have receiv'd your Honours &cas: Generall by Capt: Phripp, who arrived here the 5th: Inst: Bound for Batavia and uncertaine as to his returne hither, on his way home, wee have encouraged him to hope for a Ladeing of Pepper provided are not prevented by the arrivall of a ship from our Rt: Honble: Masters, or other orders from your Honour &ca: at Fort St: George.

21. The Mallays Puasso, or Ramzan month Coming on Just on our arrivall here; our holding a Publick Bitchar was defer'd the Rajah's &ca: being duly summoned but Excused themselves by their approaching fast, Respectively promiseing their attendance in a short time after, affairs of moment being already settled in these parts which occasions it now to be mostly matter of ceremony [but] chargeable by Presents to the severall Rajahs &ca: as hath been Constantly practis'd, on such occasions, and Consequently unavoidable.

22 Wee have bought of Capt: Phripp peculls 15 lb. 59 of Benjamin also a parcell of Rice being at the usuall Prices the former being ahead at Ps 50 ℔pecull the Latter Bamboes 20℔ps.

23. Those most Necessary utensills, Scales & weights were forgott to our great disapointment Intreat their being remembred per next.

24. A constant annual supply of rice is very requisite, either from the Coast or the Bay of Bengall, also butter & oyle; Rice on this Coast being very scarce, being forced to give out wheat to the Coffrees for their subsistance, this scarceness is not only this year but Constantly for the Malays are of so lazy a temper that they seldom take care for more then their own necessary occasions.

25. The Mallays who are the Northerne Incundiarys give out that they are sett on by the Dutch, we shall endeavour to gett the best information thereof, we are able, that we may find out the truth or falsity of their pretensions.

26. The Armenian brought out but four chests of treasure the amount of her Invoice being ps. 16270 : for which have Credited Acco$^{t}$: Currant Fort St. George, your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: expecting her bringing out a much greater stock, which occasioned the sending so little per the Scepter, which without a speedy supply will prove a great disapointment.

27. We shall be as Frugall as Possible in Expences, haveing (by their Consent) putt them to Dyett money att Tryamong which tho' the allowances appear large yet will very much retrench the Expences of y$^{t}$: Factory we designe it also here, so soon as can conveniently which will also much lessen our Charges.

28. The Surgeon we brought over in the Scepter being dec̃d at Tryamong a little after our arrivall there so that we are now destitute of any skilled either in Physick or Chyrurgery; which in this sickly place renders our case really Deplorable we humbly entreat may be supply'd per first.

29. The Serjeants and Corporalls sent by the Scepter are all very bad officers being sad Drunken Idle fellows; Fluellin we sent to England on the Scepter being mutinous & ungovernable.

30. Cap$^{t}$: Phripp gives us to understand that there is a Padre at Acheen willing to come to these parts the presence of one would very much animate the Portugueze here, and Encourage the coming of others.

31. If some slaves could be procureable young lusty fellowes and women we desire your Honour &c$^{a}$: would please to supply us, our Numbers of Coffrees being much reduced and they are the Persons Chiefly Employed in building, and all services of this Garrison Cooly hire being very dear.

32. We are at a loss for Ink the receipt sent formerly for the makeing it being not to be found we humbly request materials & directions for their use also other sorts of Factors provisions for our store will be soon Exhausted.

33. Gunney bags are extremely wanted for y$^{e}$: loading of Pepper, 1000 will not be to many, but if not made of new & thick gunneys they will be of little use here.

34. Cap$^{t}$ Phripp this voyage called at Trebanney where the Mallays were very Civill to him, & seemed very desirous of our setling amongst them according to his Description of it, there appears to be very good Encouragem$^{t}$: the further Consideration whereof most humbly referr to your Honour &c$^{a}$: three things seem much to recommend it, being healthfull provitions plentifull and a good harbour for shiping.

35. We have received of the following persons y$^{e}$ there mentioned into the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: Cash for which have presumed to draw bills on your Hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: payable ten days after sight humbly craveing their acceptance :—

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| Received of Richard Watts Esq$^{r}$: & Mr. George Shaw payable to y$^{e}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Tho: Pitt Esq$^{r}$: ... ... ... ... | 1596 : 2 : — |
| Received of D$^{o}$. payable to Nino Chittee. | 197 : 3 : 1 |
| Received of D$^{o}$. payable to Cap$^{t}$. Wm How ... ... ... ... ... | 637 : 2 : — |
| Received of D$^{o}$. payable to Mr Wm Bull. | 425 : — : — |
| Received of Mr. Robert Broughton payable to Mr. William Proby ... ... | 200 : — : — |
| Received of D$^{o}$. payable to Mr. Jn$^{o}$. Styleman & Mr. George Lewis ... ... | 83 : 1 : 1 |
| Received of y$^{e}$ overseers of y$^{e}$ Estate of Doct$^{r}$. Rich$^{d}$. Blackwall dec̃d payable to Mrs. Sarah Blackwall ... ... | 500 : — : — |

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| Received of Mr. Barkham &c^a^. overseers of the Estate of Mr Mildmay dec̃d payable to Mr Jn^o^. Styleman & Mr. Thomas Wright ... ... ... ... ... | 2083 : 2 : 1½ |
| Received of Cap^t^. Wm Phripp payable to himself ... ... ... ... ... | 3216 : 3 : 1 |
| Received of Mr Robert Broughton pay^ble^ to himself or Order ... ... ... | 400 :—:— |
| Transported ... ... ... ... | ps. 9340 : 3 : ½ |
| Received of Cap^t^. Richard Phripp payable to himself or order ... ... | 933 : 1 :— |
| | p^s^ 10274 :—: ½ |

36. We here enclose a List of the severalls wanted for the use of this Garrison with which humbly entreat your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to suply us we have not else to add but to acknowledge our selves to be with all dutifull submission.

May it please yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^.
Your most humble and obedient servants.

RICH^D^. WATTS.
GEORGE SHAW.
ROB^T^. BROGHTON.
EDW^D^. BARKHAM.

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YORK FORT Y^E^. 15^TH^ MARCH 1699–1700

LIST OF THE PAQUETT TO FORT ST. GEORGE PER SHIP THANKFULL

N^o^ 1. Gen^ll^. letter dated y^e^ 15^th^ March 1699–1700.
2. D^o^. per ship Anne dated y^e^. 3^d^. September 1698.
3. D^o^. per D^o^. ship dated y^e^. 20^th^. February 1698–9.
4. D^o^. to England per ship Armenian 1^-th^. Feb^ry^. 1699–1700.
5. D^o^. to D^o^. per ship Scepter dated y^e^. primo March 1699–1700.
6. Invoice to Fort St. David ship Anne.
7. D^o^. from England per ship Armenian Merchant.
8. D^o^. to D^o^. per D^o^. ship.
9. D^o^. to D^o^. ship Scepter.
10. Diary and Consultations Commenceing 13^th^. Dec^r^. 1699 and ending 14^th^. March 1699–1700.
11. List of stores wanting.
12. Acco^t^. Cash for y^e^. months of Jan^ry^. Feb^ry^. & March last.
13. List of the Comp^as^. servants & soldiers.
14. List of the Pacquett.

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YORK FORT Y^E^: 22^D^: JULY 1700

TO THE HON^BLE^ THO: PITT ESQ^R^. GOV^R^. OF
FORT ST. GEORGE AND CITTY OF
MADRAS & PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: ENG^S^: EAST INDIA COMPANY
OVER Y^E^: COAST COROMANDELL & SOUTH
SEAS &C^A^: COUNCILL IN FORT ST. GEORGE

May it please your Honour &c^a^:

No. 18: Recd: 11th: Dec^r^: 1700.

Captain Phripps calling here happily gives us this opportunity of informing your Hon^r^: &c^a^: of y^e^: present state of Affairs on this Coast our last being of the 15^th^: March past, which we wrote at Captain Phrips going for Java, he being

then uncertain as to his returne hither which letter and Pacquett we have continued on board, and to them we humbly crave refference; we were then apprehansive of Rajah Addills creating Troubles to y$^e$: Northward, which by their care and vigilancy & our sending them a seasonable supply of Buggasses were prevented, all still continueing quiet in those parts; but for a more particular Acco$^t$: referr to their advices having engaged Cap$^t$: Phrip to call there by the way; The greatest difficulties they and we at present labour under is our great want of Cash & without a very supply shall be reduced to great Exigencies, which will happen at a very unfortunate Juncture now the best Cropp of pepper is ready to come in, but we still hope the speedy arrivall of the Madrass Merchant with a good supply will putt a period to them and that we shall be able to give her a very timely Dispatch (All Continueing quiet) with a full lading of pepper. Tho' if she should call at Batavia wee can hardly expect her till the latter end of next month.

2. Wee have concluded all our bitchars w$^{th}$ : y$^e$: sev$^{ll}$: Rajas & proateens of these parts, & at them was a very numerous appearance greater then hath been known to have been at any since Mr. Bloom's time and an universall satisfaction has been express'd by them all promiseing faithfull allegiance to the R$^t$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^a$: and Increase of the pepper & paddy plantations.

3. There was a difference depending at our arrivall between some of the Pangram Juntanallys People and Raja Kallipas w$^{ch}$: was by them referr'd to the Deputy Governors decision w$^{ch}$ : was lately accommodated to the satisfaction of both parties. The Proateens likewise at Pollee had a Bickering lately on w$^{ch}$: two men were kill'd and two wounded. On Raja Mooda's request we sent Twenty Buggasses & Mallay souldiers who brought them to the Raja who lately hath brought all to a seeming pacification so hope shall hear no further of it.

4. Three Prows of pepper from Sablat have given us the slip going away for Java Carrying our Buggass souldiers with 'em they had as wee are Inform'd about 200 Bahars of pepper on board so y$^t$: had they come here by our purchasing said papper wee should have been ere now for y$^e$: want of Cash reduced to great Extremities. Those parts abound with disaffected people wee have as your Hon$^r$: &c$^a$: will perceive by our Diary & Letters now remitted Taken all possible care for y$^e$: keeping all quiett there.

5. Tryamong having been experienced to be so fatall to y$^e$: lives & Healths of our People y$^t$: wee Judged it to be of absolute Necessity for y$^m$: to remove to Bantall and therefore presumed to order y$^m$: to prepare for it accordingly, not questioning but yo$^r$: hon$^r$: &c$^a$: will please to approve thereof being under so dire a necessity, Besides y$^e$: Houses at Tryamong are utterly Decay'd so y$^t$ : should they continue there all must be rebuilt & new & Building in one place or y$^e$: other, will in a manner create but y$^e$: same charge.

6. Silver fanams as advised, in our former letter are in great request to y$^e$: Northward, a large Quantity will be extremely well, beleiving in a short time they may be made currant for pepper.

7. The Head Proateens of Cattowne were very Importunate with us to settle some English at that paggarr, so in April last wee sent Mr. Glenn writer to reside there They are very Importunate with us to buy their pepper, but by our want of boats wee excuse sending any money, as also strength to secure it, y$^t$ : paggar having been lately robb'd wherein y$^e$ : R$^t$ : hon$^{ble}$ : Comp$^a$ : lost p$^{rs}$ : 69 : 2.

8. In April last we sent p$^{rs}$: 500 per a prow that came w$^{th}$ : Pepper from Manduta, y$^e$ : night after her Departure a violent storm happen'd in the which fear she is lost as yet having no news of her.

9. Herewith are remitted coppies of our Diaries Letters Acco$^t$: Cash &c$^a$: Papers, as per Inclosed List the great Confusion of y$^e$: Acco$^{ts}$: of this place together w$^{th}$: Mr. Shaws Indisposition, and want of help has occasioned our not being able to send y$^e$ : Generall books by this Conveyance and indeed wee are in very great want of assistance having since y$^e$: D. Govern$^{rs}$ : arrivall buried five Covenant servants viz$^t$: Messrs. Congreve and Kesteven here, and Messrs. West Quesenbrough and Troughton at Tryamong, therefore humbly request yo$^r$: hon$^r$ : &c$^a$: will be pleas'd to send us sufficient assistance per next.

10. By y$^{e}$: Death of Mr. Kesteven wee were destitute of a Resid$^{t}$: for Sillabarr & Matthew Ridley writing a good hand wee Entertain'd him as a Writer, therein hoping yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{as}$: Approbation.

11. The books of Tryamong are now three years behind hand and they have none Capable of bringing 'em up: some persons therefore skill'd in Acco$^{ts}$: are absolutely wanted.

12. Wee have taken all Imaginable Care here of our Sould$^{rs}$: as to their Lodging Dyet &c$^{a}$: keeping them sober, and they have in generall done very well, having buried but two of those that came over with us, & one of them came sick from Tryamong, yet as per Inclosed List are very weak; Therefore earnestly desire a Supply by y$^{e}$: first, our being without any person skilled in Physick or Surgery, is likewise a most sad Consideracõn.

13. Those Coffrees sent hence in 95 to be brought up Smiths, Bricklayers & Carpenters if sufficiently experienced in their respective trades, desire may be return'd per first; their service being much wanted. Wee are really in great want of slaves to carry on our Buildings therefore Request a good supply of Coast Slaves if procureable they being very requisite to Mix with our Coffrees who once design'd to have Cut y$^{e}$: Garruson off, they likewise being much cheaper and y$^{e}$: charge of their maintenance is not very considerable.

14. Wee are in great want of small arms having very few good in y$^{e}$: Garrison also some small guns as Faulcons & minions w$^{ch}$: are very usefull for our Paggars Two or three Mortars also for y$^{e}$: slinging of hand granados would be very requisite.

15. Cap$^{t}$: Phrip requesting permission for the landing of his Opium here which he sold at Batavia without paying Custome and there could not deliver it by reason of the Dutch severity, wee judged his request reasonable and accordingly granted it.

16. Mr. Edward Barkham having been very sickly Returns to Fort St. George by this ship who will be able to give yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: a particular account of Affairs here.

17. Mr. Robert Broughton humbly requests permission of yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to Returne for Fort St. George or for England as Oppertunity shall offer desire yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: you'l be pleased to supply y$^{e}$: Vacancies which will then be in our Council, Mr. Gough hath according to order succeeded Mr. Congreve as youngest therein.

18. Wee are now fitting up y$^{e}$: Prow & by laying a Deck upon her hope to make her a serviceable vessell the Bencoolen Yatch wee fear is past reparation.

19. Our Gunner Mr. Tamms is at present very ill Insomuch y$^{t}$: wee much fear his miscarriage which would be a great Loss to us having no other person skill'd in y$^{t}$: profession so hope to be supply'd w$^{th}$: another who in case of Mr. Tamms recovery may be Imploy'd to y$^{e}$: N$^{o}$: ward and be there very serviceable.

20. Wee have presumed to draw upon yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: the severall after mention'd bills of Exchange for p$^{rs}$: 8,878 : 5 : having Rec$^{d}$: y$^{e}$: like value into y$^{e}$: R$^{t}$: hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: Cash here of y$^{e}$: severall under mention'd persons and payable as Incerted. Humbly craving their acceptance viz$^{t}$:

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| Rec$^{d}$: of Rech$^{d}$: Watts Esq$^{r}$: & Mr. George Shaw one bill payable to y$^{e}$: hon$^{ble}$: Thomas Pitt Esq$^{r}$: ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 : 0 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Messrs Francis Bett & Stephen Frewen ... ... ... ... | 600 : 0 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Mr. Jn$^{o}$. Affleck ... ... | 325 : 3 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Cap$^{t}$: Will : How ... ... | 251 : 2 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Mr. Stephen Frewen ... | 250 : 0 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Mr. Daniel Chardin & John Affleck ... ... ... ... ... | 167 : 0 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Mr. John Weeler & Cap$^{t}$: Jn$^{e}$: Cockroft ... ... ... ... ... | 140 : 0 : 00 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Mrs, Kath : Nicks ... ... | 90 : 0 : 00 |

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| One D$^{o}$: payable to y$^{e}$. Worsp$^{l}$. Tho$^{s}$. Marshall. | 52 : 2 : 0 |
| One D$^{o}$: payable to Nino Chittee ... ... | 38 : 2 : 0 |
| Rec$^{d}$: of Rich$^{d}$: Watts payable to Messrs John Meverell & Francis Bett ... ... ... | 400 : 0 : 0 |
| D$^{o}$: of Mr. Rob$^{t}$: Broughton pay$^{ble}$: to Mr. Thom$^{s}$: Wright ... ... ... ... | 153 : 1 : 0 |
| Rec$^{d}$. of y$^{e}$. Overseers of y$^{e}$. Estate of Mr. Matt$^{w}$: Mildmay payable to Messrs. Jn$^{o}$: Styleman & Tho$^{s}$: Wright ... ... ... ... | 349 : 3 : 1½ |
| D$^{o}$: of Mr. Nath$^{l}$: Eyton pay$^{ble}$: to Mr. Thom$^{s}$: Wright ... ... ... ... ... ... | 410 : 0 : 0 |
| D$^{o}$: of Mr. Edward Barkham pay$^{ble}$: to himself. | 2068 : 0 : 0 |
| D$^{o}$: of Cap$^{t}$: Rich$^{d}$: Phrip pay$^{ble}$: to himself ... | 557 : 0 : 0 |
| D$^{o}$: of y$^{e}$: overseers of y$^{e}$: Estate of D$^{r}$: R. Blackwall pay$^{ble}$: to Mrs. S. Blackwall ... | 25 : 1 : ½ |
| Ry$^{lls}$: | 8878 : 3 : |

21. Captain Phrip having been sollicited by Jn$^{o}$: Carvalles father for his son's returne to Fort St. George and requesting of us his release offering to leave two men in his place who wee have accepted & Entertain'd permitting y$^{e}$: other to returne who takes his passage in this ship. Our Pallankeen is broke & altogether unserviceable Therefore desire yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: would be pleas'd to supply us with another, as to Horse furniture requested formerly Cap$^{t}$: Phrip has furnish'd us with what necessary.

22. Wee are very sensible that the charges of this Coast run very high y$^{e}$: properest Expedient that wee can think of, for their Retrenchm$^{t}$: would be our constantly having two or three good sloops to cruise along y$^{e}$: coast w$^{ch}$: would lessen y$^{e}$: number of our People, & be as great a security for our having all the pepper of this Coast w$^{ch}$: wee humbly referr to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{as}$: Consideration.

23. Wee found the keeping a Gen$^{ll}$: table very chargeable & not at all satisfactory therefore wee went to board wages & thereby on a modest Calculation shall lessen our Expences upwards of a thousand Dollars per annum.

24. Pangran Juntanally at his being lately here to bitchar complain'd very much of Pangran Jangallos receiving a greater share of y$^{e}$: Customes of pepper coming out of his country y$^{n}$: himself besides his annuall pension from y$^{e}$: R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: of ps. 400 per ann. so y$^{t}$: labouring under such discouragem$^{t}$: was y$^{e}$: reason his Country did not produce such quantities as formerly therefore for his Encouragem$^{t}$: wee agreed to allow him one Sucoe per bahar upon such pepper as came from those places under his Jurisdiction w$^{th}$: w$^{ch}$: he appeared very well satisfyed & this allowance is no more then what the Rajas of these parts receive w$^{ch}$: wee Judged to be very reasonable hoping yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{as}$: approbation thereof.

25. There is now in our Godowns bahars 320 of pepper with w$^{ch}$: & what to the N$^{o}$: ward hope shall have a surplusage after loading the Madrass Merchant (the Country continueing quite and a speedy supply of money) to help fill up a January ship.

26. The want of goods proper for presents hath necessitated us to buy y$^{m}$: at y$^{e}$: currant prices here w$^{ch}$: creates on Extraordinary charge wee desire a supply by the first also of cloth for colours being in great want entreating likewise beams and scales may not be forgotton.

27. The Estate of Doctor Richard Blackwall dec$^{d}$ hath credit in the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{s}$: books p$^{s}$: 97 : 2 : w$^{ch}$: we advise y$^{t}$: yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: may dispose thereof as convenient.

28. Wee have permitted Antonio de Rosario Portugeze Centinall to Returne per this ship being old & unserviceable having served y$^{e}$: R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Company here since Mr. Bloom's time.

29. 29. The Noquedah of a prow lately caome from Poggee an Island to y$^e$: N$^o$: ward near Nassaw adviseth us y$^t$: he there saw part of a Wreck y$^e$: Head appearing pretty fresh as tho' newly painted the vessell teak, we pray it may not be a ship belonging to Fort St. George. Wee have not to add at present craving leave to subscribe ourselves.

May it please yo$^r$: hon$^r$: &c$^a$:
Yo$^r$: most humble & obed$^t$: serv$^{ts}$:

EDW$^D$: BARKHAM.
JOHN GOUGH.
RICHARD WATTS.
GEORGE SHAW.
ROBERT BROUGHTON.

P.S. y$^e$: 24$^o$: July
Since writing y$^e$: above y$^e$: Dep$^{ty}$: Gov$^r$: & Mr. George Shaw have paid into y$^e$: R$^t$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^s$: Cash p$^s$: 500 for w$^{ch}$: have given 'em bills of Exchange drawn on yo$^r$: hon$^r$: &c$^a$: payable to Messrs. John Meverell & Francis Bett humbly craving their acceptance.

Idem R. WATTS.
G. SHAW.
R. BROUGHTON.
E. BARKHAM.
J. GOUGH.

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LIST OF Y$^E$: PACQUETT TO FORT ST. GEORGE PER SHIP THANKFULL VIZ$^t$.

No. 1. Generall letter dated y$^e$: 22$^d$: July 1700.
2. Coppy book of letters rec$^d$: commenceing y$^e$: 11$^o$: May 99 & ending y$^e$: 14$^o$: July 1700.
3. Coppy book of letters sent commenceing y$^e$: 15$^o$: D$^o$: 99 & ending y$^e$: 23$^d$: July 1700.
4. Account Cash commenceing primo May 1699 & ending y$^e$: 22$^d$: July 1700.
5. Diary & Consultations Commenceing y$^e$: 8 July 99 & ending y$^e$: 22$^d$: July 1700.
6. List of y$^e$: R$^t$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^s$: Serv$^{ts}$: & Soldiers in York Fort.
7. List of stores wanting for y$^e$: use of this Garrison.
8. List of the Pacquett.

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TO THE HON$^{BLE}$: THOMAS PITT ESQ$^R$: TRYAMONG JULY 31$^{st}$: 1700.
PRESID$^T$: & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST.
GEORGE & CITTY OF MADRASS &c$^a$: COUNCILL.

Hon$^d$: S$^r$: &c$^a$:

No. 19. Recd: 11o: Dec$^r$: 1700. Ship Scepter arrived in this road the 13$^o$: December, upon her came the Worsp$^l$: Richard Watts Esq$^r$: & Mr. George Shaw, of them wee rec$^d$: yo$^r$: hon$^{rs}$: &c$^a$: Gen$^l$: letter to us, they parted not hence till y$^e$: 25$^o$: Jan$^{ry}$: By reason the Northwest winds w$^{ch}$: then blew fresh, did obstruct the boats in landing the stores &c$^a$: as they left here, insomuch that severall boats were drove to Bencoolen, but the main cause was to get Raja Quasso &c$^a$: Proateens of Sablat and Cattowne hither to a Bitchar, which those people would esteeme more Authentick if managed by the Govern$^r$: in person then if by us alone, they came at last and answer'd expectation.

That most unfortunate & Expensive Affair of Ippu ended about three days before the Scepter arrived by the Proateens inhabitants and one Dagangs means: who by agreem$^t$: with us refused to assist those Murtherers the Buggasses any farther, whereupon they fled for their own safety then those places that stood out surrender'd to us and has continued in peace ever since: upon this success the Mallay Souldiers were discharg'd the last of January except such as was requisite to guard the severall paggars and for other usual services.

Since wee have been obleiged to entertaine Severall Supernumerary to the no small augmentation of our ordinary expences to prevent Raja Addill from putting in practice his mischeivous projects to prejudice our R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Masters Affairs: Wee beleive he is speciall poor w$^{ch}$: is a great advantage to us, for'tis certaine he'l never be quiet nor honest while he has power to be otherwise: so that had wee force sufficient the only remedy is to send him packing out of the country else wee can expect no other then to be constantly at such an expence.

By the Bitchar that the Worsp$^{l}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: made here w$^{th}$: Raja Quasso the Dagongs and Proateens of Sablat and Cattowne they are seemingly very good freinds to our R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Masters But severall Actions past since that gives occasion to suspect their sincerity, for three prows this year pretending to transport Pepper thence to Bencoolen gave us the slip and went for Java, altho' they had some of the Comp$^{as}$: Mallay souldiers on board them, but whether they were forced or consented can't be certaine, and now it being the reason for returne of prows from Java, they have gather'd under pretence of Cock fighting (the usual rendevouze to agree upon their villany) a great concourse of people many in a hostile manner, supposed to obstruct seizing said prows and people if they returne, so that to prevent any troubles there, have been obleidged to reinforce that paggar.

The Panleema of Padang is lately dead whereupon the old Emperor and the young king of Indrapoor whome the Dutch designe should succeed the Panleema are likely to quarrell for the Governm$^{t}$: Tis said the Dutch will send to Batavia for a person there, whose right it formerly was, but left it to the Deceased's more prevailing Interest and went to Batavia where he has been many years as reported at liberty, but supposed a Prisoner at large, how this Affair will terminate can't say having no sure correspondence in those parts, yet hope it may divert the Dutch from fomenting troubles in these countreys by their Emissarys.

Thus stands the affairs of these parts at present in reference to the Peace of y$^{e}$: country and hope it may long continue to be no worse of w$^{ch}$: can be no certaine assurance given, since the Mallays are a people Barbarous in their practice, false in their faith, and unsteady in their resolutions, the last story told them being the Bias of their Actions, till brought to the contrary by the next perswader, and that's certain to be the next they meet with.

This place of Tryamong has been generally esteem'd very unhealthfull: Glad would wee be could wee contradict that allegation, but sad experience obleidges us the contrary for since Mr. Darley left this place, w$^{ch}$: is about eighteen months, here has Dyed four persons of Councill, and four writers, which is all of the Comp$^{s}$: covenanted servants that was then order'd & has been since sent hither Except the Cheif & Mr. Crouch (Mr. Gough who was sometime here & went to York Fort with the Worps$^{l}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$:) and Mr. Robert Hughs who came hither lately from Bencoolen. Equivalent thereunto has been the mortallity amongst the Millitary insomuch that the relation hereof to the Worsp$^{l}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: upon his arrivall caused him to be of opinion after having viewed Bentall that it would conduce much to the preservation of the lives and health of the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{s}$: Serv$^{ts}$: & consequently the better managem$^{t}$: of their hon$^{rs}$: Affairs if this Factory were removed thither since there's a large space of plaine ground upon a very convenient assent which may easily be cleared having little on it but shrubs, as may be much more where trees now grow very fit for houses, Whereas this place (save the very spot whereon the Factory stands and about fifty yards square of clear ground where Mallay houses stand being no room for more) is all swamps and woods impossible to be made better besides the paggar w$^{th}$: all the dwelling houses and others are so old and decay'd that they are ready to fall downe, and require to be new built within six months at farthest, and the same might with a very little more cost be done at Bentall.

The late frequent advices we have given the Worsp$^{l}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: and Councill of the Death of our people, has renew'd the consideration of this Affaire, so that for the reasons aforesaid and many other too long here to insert, have agreed upon our removall to Bentall, and order'd us to provide everything the

best wee can against the arrivall of shipping by whose Assistance may transport our Gunns and other heavy things.

Accordingly wee are busied and hope may effect what they command, and that it will answer the end expected.

The Mallays of these parts are very scrupulous in receipt of money in all payments insomuch that none but long Mollocco Dollars will pass curr$^{t}$: and those must be long and black, no other dollers pass anywhere without much trouble (except just at this one Factory) so that wanting such as humour them undergo much trouble and often disappointm$^{t}$: especially in buying Pepper, for that commodity they will have money that please them, else not sell any; and oft tho' have good money have not just such; Now wee observe that fanams are generally well esteem'd for of all brought to this place have not sufficient in our Buzar to change two Dollers except by chance, so that to remedy this wee humbly propose the coyning great quantityes of Fanams with the Mallay stamp and sending us; and don't doubt but with a small charge and some trouble to get them accepted as the curr$^{t}$: coyne in all paym$^{ts}$: as well for pepper as other, By the charge we mean the amo$^{t}$: of two or three hundred Dollers in presents to the Sultan, his Mother, Raja Macoota, the Mandereens and proateens when at a Bitchar bring them to agree upon, and order their acceptance accordingly, which may be well bestowed supposeing considerably is to be got by the coynage, which will help to lesson our Expences.

Altho' the designe of buying Pepper with them should fail, yet will very considerable quantityes pass here in a years time so no loss to be feared yet for first tryall 'twould be well to have some Dollers in Cash to prevent any prejudice to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: Affairs from any unexpected accident that may happen.

Mr. Nath$^{l}$: Eyton says he has rec$^{d}$: advice from his Friends in England that he was admitted a Factor in our R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Masters service the 16$^{th}$: of November 1698, and that two of his brothers are bound in a bond of 1,000 £ for y$^{e}$: faithfull discharge of his Duty; They add further that having demanded the Indentures, the Secretary answer'd they would be sent out by first shipp to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: so he expected them by the Scepter, but finds nothing thereof: wherefore he desires humbly to signifye this to yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: and intreat if no mention of it in their Hon$^{rs}$: Letters to have it inserted in yo$^{r}$: hon$^{rs}$: &c$^{a}$: next Generall to the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{a}$: that their order may be knowne.

The Worsp$^{l}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: & Councill of York Fort have ordered up to draw bills of Exchange on yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: for such part of the Estate of William Coote dec̃d as is paid into the R$^{t}$: Hon$^{ble}$: Comp$^{as}$: Cash here, & make them payable to such persons as the Hon$^{ble}$: Court of Admiralty shall order. The Deceased did make a will, but it was esteem'd invalid by the Worsp$^{l}$: Matthew Mildmay then Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: & Councill Herew$^{th}$: comes the papers of the Deceas'd according to list, with the Acco$^{t}$: sale of his effects the Acco$^{t}$: Curr$^{t}$: of his Estate the ballance whereof is p. 1273 : 3 : 1 : for which sum̃ have drawne said bills and the Originall Will keeping an attested Coppy here. He appointed by said will Cap$^{t}$: Richard Phrip to have the charge of his effects and remitt them to England. The first and second bills of Exchange are deliver'd Cap$^{t}$: Phrip, severall things as a horse and a parcell of wooden combs of small vallue are at Bencoolen also a chest of Ophium here which is Damag'd & 'twill not sell in this place, and have not Orders to venture it hence; when disposed of shall make returnes of the Produce. The Dec$^{d}$: last year return'd p. 1,000 to Cap$^{t}$: Phrip upon his owne account.

Wee are in miserable want of Men both civill and millitary. The Worsp$^{l}$: Dep$^{ty}$: Govern$^{r}$: and Councill order'd us to send yo$^{r}$: Hon$^{r}$: such books and papers as had in a readiness but wee could not possibly send any, being but Three of us and obleidged to be at three severall places, except earnest business calls us together (Mr. Crouch at Manduta, and Mr. Hughs at Ippue) so that can't performe what is reasonably to be expected from three persons always together and settled to business at a certaine place; 'Tis our utmost to keep up the

monthly Accompts & ordinary business of the factory so that the Generall Acco$^{ts}$: are much behind hand as formerly advis'd, Wee beg most earnestly that yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: will consider this Affaire and Assist us As also wish souldiers having but a Serjeant, a Corporall, & a few Topasses in this paggar but never an Europe Centinall save one.

Our Slaves are what by Death and running away, so reduced that have not wherew$^{th}$: to serve our necessity, nor can they supply us from York Fort, wherefore entreat yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: to send us some from the Coast for when wee remove to a new place shall greatly need them.

All manner of Factors Provisions are exhausted as blank books, paper &c$^{a}$: which hope will be remedied by yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: next supply.

Wee have presumed to draw the following bills of Exchange upon yo$^{r}$: hon$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$: w$^{ch}$: humbly beg may be honoured with Acceptance :—

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| Of Nath$^{l}$: Eyton pay$^{ble}$: to Mr. Rich$^{d}$: Darley or order dat: primo April last ... ... | 116 : 2 : 0 |
| Of D$^{o}$: pay$^{ble}$: to D$^{o}$: of the 29$^{th}$: Inst. ... | 229 : 2 : 0 |
| Of Ditto pay$^{ble}$: to Messrs. Francis Bett & Tho$^{s}$: Wigmore of d$^{o}$: date ... ... ... ... | 364 : 2 : 0 |
| Of D$^{o}$: pay$^{ble}$: to Messrs. Jn$^{o}$: Meverell & Francis Bett d$^{o}$: date ... ... ... ... ... | 920 : 0 : 0 |
| Of Mr. Edw$^{d}$: Barkham pay$^{ble}$: to himself d$^{o}$: date ... ... ... ... ... ... | 168 : 1 : 0 |
| Of Cap$^{t}$: Rich$^{d}$: Phrip pay$^{ble}$: to himself d$^{o}$: date ... ... ... ... ... ... | 240 : 0 : 0 |
| Of Mr. Thom$^{s}$: Crouch pay$^{ble}$: to whom the Court order ditto date ... ... ... ... ... | 1,273 : 3 : 1 |
| p. | 3,312 : 2 : 1 |
| Also rec$^{d}$: of Mr. Nath$^{l}$: Eyton pay$^{ble}$: to Mr. Thom$^{s}$: Wright dated y$^{e}$: 29$^{th}$: instant ... | 650 : 0 : 0 |
| Ry$^{lls}$: 8/8 | 3,962 : 2 : 1 |

Cap$^{t}$: Phrip is ready to saile nor can wee perswade him otherwise our Bar is bad and wee are afraid he'le be gone before they arrive on board him w$^{ch}$: is the reason wee are not so large as otherwise would which hope will pardon wherefore w$^{th}$: tender of our Duty & respects subscribe.

Hon$^{d}$ : S$^{r}$: &c$^{a}$:
Yo$^{r}$: Faithfull & Obed$^{t}$: Serv$^{ts}$:

NATH$^{L}$ : EYTON.
THOM$^{S}$ : CROUCH.
ROBERT HUGHES.

P.S. August Primo

Yesterday morning lost a prow going over y$^{e}$: Barr, then tryed to send the letters off in Bamboos by a Connew, but fail'd tho' laboured all day, afternoon Cap$^{t}$: Phrip got under sail & warn'd us he was going, after firing severall Gunns he anchor'd againe, one large Bamboo took wett and forced us to write this & many bills over againe, wee hope to have them off by 5 this morning.

N.E.

FORT S^T: DAVID 10^TH: DEC^R: 1700.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOM^S: PITT PRESID^T:
& GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCILL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

S^RS:

No. 20. Rec^d: 15 Dec^r 1700. Wee thought there might be no cause for us to trouble yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: by writeing you so soon untill our last of y^e: 26°: past w^ch: you have upon y^e: file had been answer'd were it not upon occasion extraordinary w^ch: requires it as our duty to advise you of, as it relates to so barbarous a murther as has been committed on y^e: 24°: past upon y^e: body of one Cooly Chittee about 18 years of age, in a place some miles distant from our bounds, in y^e: way as he was returning home to Pullicherry by a crew of villians, tho' some are more notorious so than others of them, They are in close custody, whose names are viz^t: Ranga, Wootundy, Sueka (these three are brothers) Venecatteputte a Peon, Mootellas an Oylman Pereipilla is a Talliar. It doth not appear upon examination that there were any more but 3 or 4 of y^e: aforementioned y^t: were upon y^e: spot & in the place where the murther was committed, tho' all y^e: six shared in y^e: booty & price of Blood. Yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: may please to take notice y^t: the two first mention'd are Bretheren in iniquity as well as naturally by birth, they having about some three years agoe murthered one Vencattee, in the way between our bounds & Trevidy, w^ch: they upon examination then confess'd & were sentenced to be transported and banished to Acheen a punishm^t: too favourable for so hainous a crime and were accordingly shipp'd off on board a ship of Agmud Mercons, bound for y^e: afores^d: Port, but he touching first at Porto Novo, dropt Mootundy & left him there, Ranga being carried w^th: him to Acheen, & from thence back againe y^e: same voyage to Cuddalore, where he hath sculked & nested himself ever since, w^ch: is no wonder of Agmud Mercon, when it is Consider'd how serviceable both the Brothers have proved to him by their decoying & kidnapping (in y^e: late famine) so many poor country people as were sold and transported as slaves. Having premised thus much, w^ch: wee think is no [ . . . ] Degression to the subject matter in hand, it [follows] that on the 24^th: last month being Sunday, the design of robbing the Chittee was communicated to all of them and the manner of doeing it, conserted & agreed to by 4 of them, tho perhaps the black design of Mu[rther] might be kept as a hidden secret to a fewer [number] which is not very probable, in regard they [went] out armed with swords and haveing overtaken the Chittee, whom they knew had a small sume of money about him they discoursed him in [some tri]viall matters, till they came to a place conv[enient] to execute their black designe, where they [obleiged] him to sitt down & rest, which done they [demanded] some Beetle of the Chitty, which they had [and after] that more, but were refused, at which they [quarrell'd] with the Chitty, beginning with [ . . . ] after with their swords giveing the [Chitty sev^ll:] cutts and gashes in his neck, until he was [almost] dead, and then threw him into a well [hard by where] perceiveing him to have life, they made [an end of] him: In this action all of them there were [Principalls] of all whom Ranga and his Brother [Woodundy] take place in the highest degree, as haveing [excited &] stir'd up the rest; yet these four haveing [each been] severally and singly examin'd, each [of'em in their] turn declare against the other [three but do not con]fess themse[lves guilty] of the [matter of fact tho' they all agree that the Chitty was kill'd by them, & Ranga's sword found to be spotted w^th: Blood Perriapilla was not w^th: them in this foul Action, but] was the first that discover'd the same to the [justices] and the manner how the money was shared: Succa was not knowing to the murder, as haveing stayed at home, but was with some reluctancy perswaded and prevailed with to take a share: concerning all which we desire your Institutes, & what rule your Honour &c^a: will please to give for our guidance in proceeding against the criminalls, seeing we are not enough to form any Jury of the two, that is requisite in such case as the law requires.

Wee have rec^d: into the R^t: Hon^ble: Company's cash of the Deputy Govern^r: Pag^s: 164: 29 fan^s: for which we have drawne a Bill upon your Honour &c^a: at 3 days sight, payable to M^r: Roger Braddyll Wee are.

Hon^ble: &c^a:
Your Hon^rs: &c^a: most Obed^t: Hum^ble: Servants

WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^D: MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
ROB^T: CRANWELL.
JOHN BERLU.

*P.S.*—[Just as] this was [finished] our Peons [arrived with the Gen^l: Letter.]

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VIZAGAPATAM XBER Y^E: 10^TH: DEC^R: 1700

TO THE R^T: HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOV^R: FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: ENG^S: EAST INDIA
COMPANY &C^A: COUNCILL.

R^t: Hon^ble: &c^a:

The preceeding lines Copy of our last which hope ere this your Honour &c^a: may have rec^d: we therein advised the dispatch of y^e: Bengall pacquett and the roads being obstructed on the other side Chicacull however our peons obtain'd the favour of passing unmolested this com[es] now to advise of the greatest Revolutions ever [were] in this Country occasioned by the Nabobs [im]prisoning Washeras Timeraz on the 4^th: Ins[tant] which was done by treachery by inviteing him to y^e: Durbar and promiseing to restore him his [coun]try and give him an Ellephant &c^a: where [soon] after his arrivall he confin'd him but in the [Enter] prize there was 100 kill'd, all that enter'd y^e: [Durbar] w^th: their Rajah being cutt off & sev^l: Moors [kill'd &] wounded, his out—Guard on advise hereof immediately fled all to Comely with his horses Camells Treasure [&c^a:] where representing y^e: ill usage of their Rajah ['twas] highly resented by Anumturaz who immediately [sum]mond all his force sent mettaes out to impeed all [tra]velling and dispeeded advice to all the other [Suedars] & manualls desiring them to come and joyn him [which] they have accordingly done and are resolv[ed to re]venge the treachery on the Moors, the [cheif] hereupon there being no expectation or [hopes of] receiving now any more Goods [by land till y^e:] heat of their troubles is a little [over sent two of] his boats yesterday [to the Sea Port town of Collapilla] and Byramporum to bring away what [cloth in the] country sho^d: be then ready w^ch: we had advice from our Merch^ts: was a considerable ℘ cell & comeing down. N^o: 119. Rec^d: y^e: 27^o: Dec 1700.

Our Gen^l: Books are finished & shall be sent yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: ℘ the King William & w^ch: is the p^r:sent needfull from

R^t: Hon^ble: &c^a:
Yo^r: most hum^ble: Servants.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
SAMUEL OWEN.
THOMAS STABLES.

Since writeing the above there appear'd a large ship in sight & the Cattamaran brings advice ['tis] the King W^m: who we shall detaine no longer then absolute necessity requires.

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